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## From the President

# Numbering a University's success ... one person at a time

Student success can be measured in many ways, particularly on a college campus.

Numbers are one way to quantify success. As a resource economist, I have to admit that I enjoy the reassuring rhythms of numbers, particularly numbers that show steady and quantifiable progress. Numbers can provide a clear snapshot of where a University is today, and perhaps just as importantly, where it hopes to be tomorrow.

Over the past year, we've marked many numeric milestones relative to student success. We've seen the number of National Merit and Presidential Scholars on our campus soar to new highs. We've reached an all-time record in enrollment. We've graduated more students than ever before.

These milestones, as alluring and promising as they are, tell only half the story, however.

Our campus is a place of subtle experiences, where moments of interaction between a student, a professor, and the nurturing campus environment around them, can change the course of a young person's academic life. With a number of new, student-centered buildings opened in recent years, it demonstrates our commitment to support student success.

Just as importantly, our faculty has shown creativity, resourcefulness and an unwavering proclivity for creating experiential moments for our students. Our students, in turn, have possessed an inquisitive ability to embrace such lessons and make them their own. This issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue* provides many excellent examples of such experiential learning, from our nationally known team of concrete canoe engineering students to theatre students who have helped unveil the world's first "original pronunciation" production of *Hamlet* in centuries.

Recently, I learned of the story of Natasha Monga, a student in our BS-MD program, which allows motivated students to graduate from college and the School of Medicine in as little as seven years. Natasha is on the cusp of graduating after four and a half semesters at our University, with plans to enter the University of Nevada School of Medicine in the fall. For all the things she has learned and done during her time at the University—and this has included serving as a representative from the College of Science in the Associated Students of the University of Nevada senate—Natasha recalls the experience more in terms of relationships.

Sarah Cummings of the Department of Chemistry, who has been honored by the College of Science for her teaching prowess, was a key mentor.

"Dr. Cummings was a great professor," Natasha said as the fall semester ended. "She was always available to talk, and was always so helpful. She was very relatable. I could go into her office and talk about organic chemistry, and other things, too ... why she chose chemistry and why she chose to pursue her Ph.D.

"Dr. Cummings wasn't the only professor who was like that. Looking back, I've had a great experience at the University," Natasha said her experience at our University was informed by numbers, though not necessarily the type one would find on a spreadsheet. If anything, it was a lack of numbers that made Natasha's time at the University so memorable.

"I've felt that if I had gone to a bigger university, I don't know how much of that attention I could've gotten," she said. "At other schools you're just a number; here, I've never felt like a number."

As much as I am enamored with numbers, I have to admit: I love this aspect of our University more.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Johnson  
President

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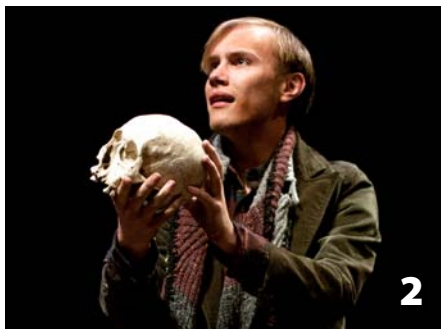


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This issue's cover, shot by Jamie Kingham '93, shows theatre major J.J. von Nolde and artist-in-residence Ben Crystal rehearsing the sword fight scene between Laertes and Hamlet for *Hamlet in the Original Pronunciation*, which ran Nov. 1 – 20 in the Redfield Studio Theatre on campus. In Shakespeare's time, according to *Hamlet* dramaturge and English professor Eric Rasmussen, actors did not wear period costumes. Therefore, costume designer and art professor Virginia Vogel chose contemporary clothing for the cast.



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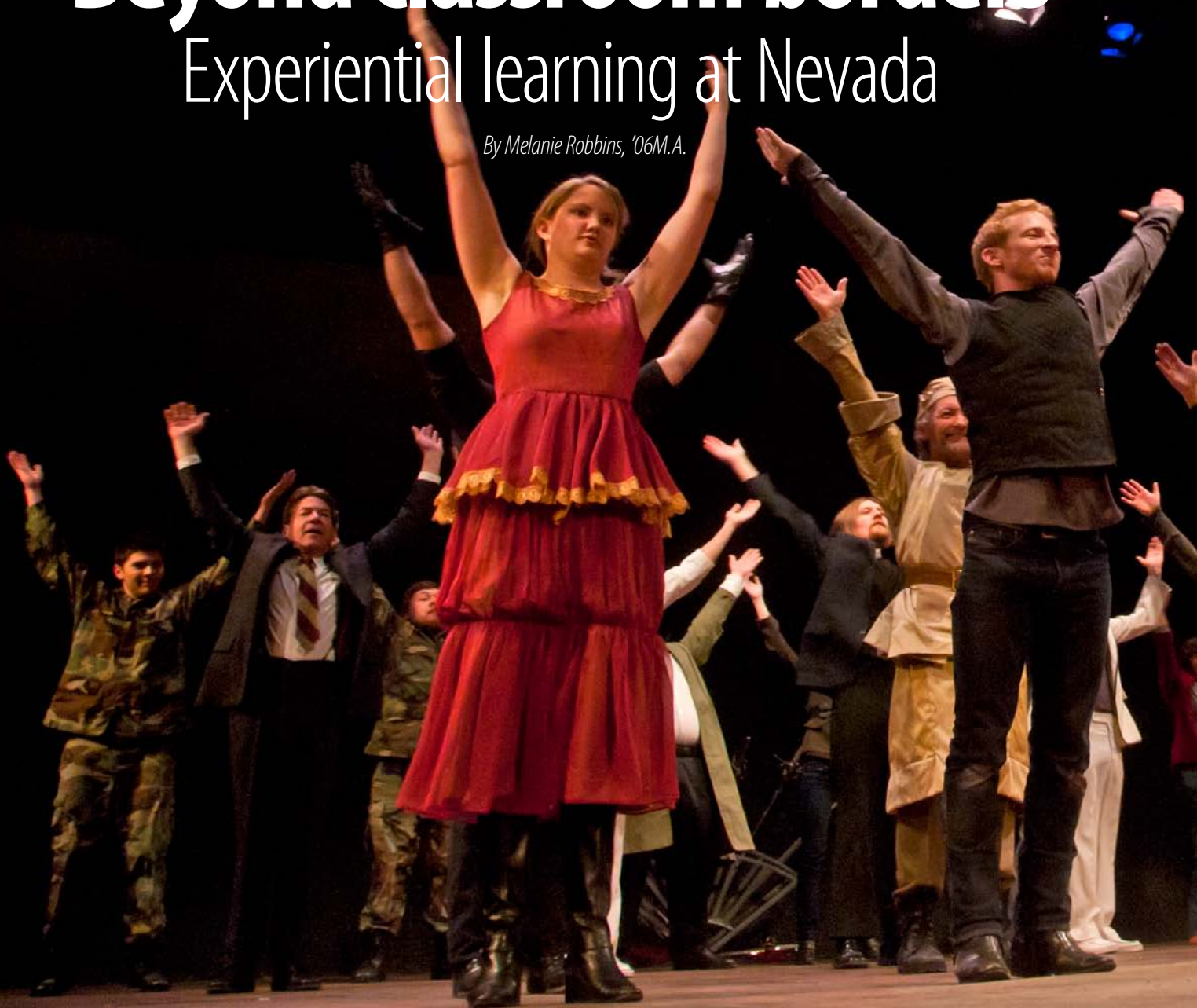
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# Beyond classroom borders

## Experiential learning at Nevada

*By Melanie Robbins, '06M.A.*







Photos by David Calvert



*“Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I understand.”*

—Chinese proverb

“Magical.” That’s how English professor Eric Rasmussen described the first meeting last spring between students who would end up in the ensemble cast of *Hamlet in the Original Pronunciation* (OP) and acclaimed British actor, author and scholar Ben Crystal, who had flown out for a workshop: “After having worked with Ben for one day, several of them said, ‘This is changing my life.’”

Inspired to keep the dynamic going, Rasmussen—one of two scholars chosen by the Royal Shakespeare Company to edit *The Com-*

*plete Works of Shakespeare*—convinced Crystal to spend three months in Reno as an artist-in-residence working on the contemporary world premiere of the classic Shakespearean tragedy.

Learning that takes place inside the classroom is essential. But learning that takes place outside the classroom not only greatly enhances the classroom experience, it leads to greater student accomplishment. Research shows that experiential learning, i.e., hands-on, outside-the-classroom learning by doing, is one of the best ways to ensure student success, not only in a particular class, but in life following college.

University Provost Heather Hardy noted that every school and college at Nevada offers many opportunities, such as the College of Liberal Arts’ *Hamlet* production, for students to “do”—i.e., apply what they’ve learned in class in meaningful, substantial projects that benefit

not only themselves, but the community and even the world beyond:

“Experiential learning opportunities for students, such as courses with service-learning components and internships, contribute to student engagement, provide benefit to our community, and improve graduates’ prospects of employment. Part of our mission includes fostering such community engagement and service and preparing our students to be informed participants in a democracy.”

The *Hamlet* experience, for students as well as faculty and the community, was extraordinary.

David Ake, director of the School of the Arts, said, “The fact that *Hamlet* played to a packed house most every night—and that many audience members were students—made the show’s undeniable artistic success all the



TOP (left to right): *Hamlet* (artist-in-residence Ben Crystal) points a sword at a dying *Laertes* (theatre major J.J. von Nolde) during a Nov. 1 production of *Hamlet in the Original Pronunciation* at the Redfield Studio Theatre. *Laertes* tries to comfort his distressed sister, *Ophelia* (theatre major Megan Kirwin). *Horatio* (theatre major Lucas Peterson), *Hamlet* and *Marcellus* (civil engineering major Matthew Hebnes) draw back at the sight of the ghost of *Hamlet*’s father (David Fenimore, director of English undergraduate studies). *Hamlet*’s mother, *Gertrude* (Nevada Repertory Company actress Emilie Meyer), tries to comfort her son after he slays *Polonius*. A gravedigger (theatre major Drew Ernhout) pulls a skull from the earth. ABOVE: The curtain call. [Editor’s note: In Shakespeare’s time, actors did not wear period costumes. Therefore, art professor Virginia Vogel chose contemporary clothing for the cast.]





Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas



LEFT: Theatre students Erin Humphreys and Audrey Brown prepare the props. MIDDLE: Donald Mahoney and Jocelyn Morgan work with Technical Director Jonathon Taylor on set design. RIGHT: Cristen Drummond, Paul Stufkosky and Christopher Rios work on the lighting. OPPOSITE: Civil engineering majors Alicia Veach, Justin Kunert, Nathan Loyd and Emma Crossman help cast a canoe made entirely of concrete, which they will paddle against seven other teams at the regional competition in Berkeley, Calif., in March.

more sweet for everyone involved in that production.” Ake added that Crystal’s expenses for his three-month stay in Reno were paid by the \$5 arts fee students pay each semester. In return for paying the fee, students may see any show for only \$5, even shows that run \$30 to the public. These funds are allocated to a variety of arts-based programs on campus, including dance and music as well as theatre.

Rob Gander, *Hamlet* director and chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, said, “In some ways this was the easiest production I’ve ever directed. My role was essentially to channel the talents of exceedingly talented people from across the world.”

Having the opportunity to work as an ensemble with an actor of Crystal’s caliber and dynamism, as well as have support from scholars such as Rasmussen, who served as dramaturge—an on-site scholar who explains word meanings and historical concepts to cast and crew—and David Crystal (Ben’s father), a world authority on the original pronunciation of Shakespeare’s works, was, indeed, life-changing.

J.J. von Nolde, a senior theatre major who played the role of Laertes, said: “This has absolutely, hands-down, been the most important thing I’ve done for my acting. The guidance from Ben, seeing how a professional actor does his thing, really, really helps. Eric Rasmussen letting us know what every single word means. Beautiful.”

Ben Crystal brought in Roberta Brown, a professional fight choreographer, who choreographed the deftly executed sword fight between Hamlet and Laertes in the final scene.

“She was fantastic,” von Nolde said. “She makes it easy. She took us through what each

of our injuries would actually feel like ... how awful it would be to be cut in the midsection, for example.”

Von Nolde, whose goal is to become a professional actor, added that from his *Hamlet* experience he learned how to connect with his character in a more meaningful and deeper way than he ever has before: “It’s about having a freedom on stage where you’re not afraid of what you’re doing, you’re not afraid of the audience. You’re there, being the character, saying the words and living through the moment. I hope it shows.”

The sold-out run and spellbound audiences say the 28-hours a week of rehearsal (that’s after day jobs and classes, noted Rasmussen) did show. David Crystal told a group at a roundtable discussion on campus Nov. 18 that this cast did a better job with the original pronunciation than Globe Theatre actors:

“The reason was that you slogged at it,” he said, adding that the famous London theatre was “very uncertain” about it doing an entire production of *Romeo and Juliet* in the original pronunciation, so they decided to only do it for one weekend. “The poor actors had to learn it twice over. Their rehearsal time was very, very short. Although they did the best they could, in the end, it was a bit sporadic.”

Doing Shakespeare in the original pronunciation—which had only been attempted in modern days five times prior to Nevada’s production of *Hamlet*—brings new depth and power to lines whose meaning has changed over the years. For example, a rhyming couplet has a different meaning when it actually rhymes, said Emilie Meyer, the Nevada Repertory Company actress who played Hamlet’s mother, Gertrude: “OP doesn’t just inform the sound, it informs

choices an actor makes.”

Gertrude says to Hamlet at one point:

“Thou know’st ‘tis common; all that lives must die,

Passing through nature to eternity.”

Instead of a solemn pronouncement as it sounds in modern English, in Shakespeare’s day “eternity” rhymed with the modern pronunciation of “die,” thus making this couplet more of a “finishing off” line, as Meyer explained: “It’s a mom saying to her son, ‘Shape up. Stop moping.’ It wasn’t just the sound that changed, it was the choice in that moment what the object was.”

David Crystal summed up the point of doing a play in original pronunciation, “The OP is not the end; it’s the means to an end.” He added that audiences often walk away not realizing that the reason the play was so fantastic was that the original pronunciation helped make it so. Surprisingly, original pronunciation is not difficult for modern listeners to understand. OP sounds a bit like a slightly unusual British accent. Coupled with emotive, realistic acting, the meaning is clear.

[Editor’s note: Listen to David Crystal reading the “To be or not to be” soliloquy in the original pronunciation here: <http://newsroom.unr.edu/2011/10/25/listen-to-hamlets-to-be-or-not-to-be-in-original-pronunciation/>]

## Concrete Canoe

Another example of experiential learning is the concrete canoe team in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. The American Society of Civil Engineers sponsors a student competition in which teams build a concrete canoe, paddle it in races, write a



## FUN FACTS

**Canoe Length:** 22 feet

**Canoe Thickness:** 0.4 inches

**Amount of Concrete Used to Cast the Canoe:** 2.85 cubic feet

**Estimated Canoe Weight:** 175 pounds

**Concrete Unit Weight:** 58 pounds/cubic foot (Water weighs 62.4 pounds/cubic foot; Conventional concrete weighs 150 pounds/cubic foot)





technical paper and give an oral presentation. The team must compete at the regional level before they can move to the national level. Approximately 160 teams compete nationwide in 18 conferences. Nevada's team has competed since 2005, winning the top prize overall at the national level in 2008. Nevada has been in the top five nationally for the past five years and won first place in technical paper writing twice.

Even though winning is exciting, the learning and camaraderie that comes with being on the concrete canoe team is also fun, challenging and helps students in their current studies, as well as preparing them for "real-life" jobs as civil engineers.

Emma Crossman, a junior who plans to earn a master's in construction management, is this year's concrete canoe project manager. She has logged three years with the team, moving from

*"This is real-life stuff. What's really great about this is it gives us a hands-on experience with concrete."*

—Nathan Loyd, civil engineering junior and member of the Concrete Canoe team

member to paddler to her current leadership position in which she oversees everyone else, as well as the budget:

"We calculate how much stress the boat can take to make sure it won't break," Crossman

said. "We set up numerous tests—sometimes they fail and sometimes they work. By doing this, we get to learn how our calculations in the classroom can help in real life." She added that the races are "really intense—everyone's really excited. It's a great atmosphere."

Nathan Loyd, a junior who is in his second year on the concrete canoe team, said being on the team gives him a leg up on other students. He's taking a construction materials class and noted: "The students who aren't on the team have never done this. I've already done it. A lot of my class is stuff we've learned on the team."

The team figures out how strong the concrete mix must be, analyzes calculations, determines how strong the tendons that hold the boat in place during construction must be. "This is real-life stuff," Loyd said. "What's really great about this is it gives us a hands-on experience

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas



## FUN FACTS

University students in the College of Education tutor 180 children each year in the E.L. Cord Foundation Center for Literacy and Learning on the Reno campus. They also tutor 60 more children in local elementary schools.





Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas



Photo by John Louie

OPPOSITE: Brynn Fannin, an undergraduate majoring in elementary education, tutors elementary school student Angel Mata in the E.L. Cord Foundation Center for Learning and Literacy's after-school program in the William J. Raggio Building. Graduate assistant Andi Morency '06, mentors Fannin and Mata. LEFT: Mining engineering major Stephanie Shelley and geological engineering master's candidate Greg Stokes compete in the Nevada Day Annual World Championship Single Jack Drilling Contest Oct. 29 in Carson City. Contestants use 4 1/2-pound hammers and up to 11 bits of graduated steel to drill a 3/4-inch hole in a 4,320-pound piece of Sierra white granite. They have 10 minutes to pound the drills into the solid stone. The Mackay Muckers are generously supported by Newmont Mining Corp., American Institute of Professional Geologists Nevada, Rio Tinto Services, Inc. and others. RIGHT: Braden Walsh '11 (geophysics) is logging data as part of Professor John Louie's capstone applied geophysics course during spring break field exercises last March. Walsh was responsible for planning, conducting and analyzing the results of ground electrical-resistivity surveys. The yellow box is a MiniRes ground resistivity meter. This survey was conducted on public land in California Wash, between Las Vegas and Moapa, Nev. The class's geophysical surveys will help answer the question of how likely a large earthquake is on the California Wash fault.

with concrete—it's one of the main materials that as civil engineers we will have to deal with. Concrete is used as pavement, support on a building—it's kind of everywhere." Loyd plans to become a structural engineer and is considering graduate school.

The team receives major support from the American Society of Civil Engineers Truckee Meadows Branch. The team also gets help from a strong alumni base, especially with making revision suggestions for the technical paper. Kelly Lyttle '06 (civil engineering), '08 (civil engineering) now works as program coordinator for the Center for Civil Engineering Research on campus. She advises the team, and, as a former member of the team going back to its inception at Nevada in 2005, she offers advice based on experience.

Students spend about eight months working on the canoe, she said, which typically weighs between 140 and 175 pounds. "Some teams have 400-pound canoes," she said. "Ours are much easier to paddle and carry around."

A concrete canoe is not practical—the material isn't particularly durable, Lyttle said.

But civil engineering students need experience with concrete since it is used ubiquitously in construction. To make a concrete canoe float, the aggregate component of concrete must be made with lighter than water materials—small glass spheres are used instead of sand or gravel. Water weighs 62.4 pounds per cubic foot, while normal concrete weighs about 150 pounds per cubic foot. "It would sink," Lyttle said. The concrete students make for the canoe typically weighs between 50 to 55 pounds per cubic foot.

Justin Kunert, a senior who's logged five years with the team, is a paddler and the team's national representative. Nevada is hosting the nationals this June at the Sparks Marina. Kunert said being on the team has been invaluable: "We had a class where we actually made concrete, but I already knew it. Being a member of the team, you are developing yourself more and more as a student outside of class."

## Literacy Program

Research shows that by third grade, children who are two or more years behind in their reading have only a 10 percent chance of

reading on a level with their peers by the end of high school, said Donald Bear, professor of education and director of the E.L. Cord Foundation Center for Learning and Literacy. But with a "buddy," the chance struggling readers will catch up to their peers skyrockets.

In its program at the center located in the William J. Raggio building, 180 children are tutored by University students learning to be teachers. Children in this tutoring program attend sessions twice a week for 20 weeks during the fall and spring semesters, and for five weeks, four days a week over the summer semester.

Approximately 60 children are tutored in its outreach Reading Buddies programs located in four elementary schools in the Reno area: Elmcreech, Peavine, Sierra Vista and Our Lady of the Snows. Through generous funding from the E. L. Cord Foundation, as well as the Stern Family of Nevada Foundation, University students are paid to be tutors at the same time that they acquire valuable teaching experience.

Andi Morency '06 (elementary education) is a doctoral candidate in education with an emphasis on literacy, language and culture.





Photo by Robert Moore



Photo by Mike Walterbeck

IGEM team members Bryson Wheeler '11 (biochemistry), Megan Tabor, Class of 2012 (biochemistry) and Matt Bowden, Class of 2012 (mechanical engineering) set up a co-cultivation apparatus, an important component of the 2011 project that earned a gold medal at the synthetic biology competition in Indianapolis. The project goal is to combine two organisms to create an inexpensive process for biofuel production. RIGHT: Logan Wood Class of 2012, 'Daisy Goodrich '02Ph.D. and Anna Lopez Class of 2012 view a pregnant sheep's uterus using ultrasound equipment at the University Farm on East McCarran Boulevard in Reno.

She holds a graduate assistant position as the coordinator of Reading Buddies. She earned a master's at Penn State after completing her undergraduate work at Nevada and then taught first and second grade, as well as homebound students, in Tennessee before returning to Nevada to enroll in the doctoral program.

"I didn't realize what a unique opportunity this was and how important what Dr. Bear is doing here until I left and moved away. Then I was able to truly appreciate my experience at Nevada, and I realized what an amazing program this is ... so I came back to get my Ph.D."

Morency values what she learned from the hands-on experience of the tutoring, "When you have a student next to you, you to have to think on your feet, and then practice all those things you've learned in the classroom."

Children in Reading Buddies are assessed for reading ability and they are taught at their developmental level, which is not necessarily their grade level, she explains.

There are four fundamental tutoring activities: Read With, Read To, Write With and Word Study. Through the Word Study children are taught the phonics, vocabulary and spelling they need to advance as readers. Most of the children in these programs have struggled to learn, and have found little pleasure in reading.

"We want children to have a good time in the tutoring sessions; we focus on their inter-

ests, and we are careful to be sure that students read extensively at their instructional and not their frustration levels," Morency said.

At the end of the semester, tutors in the

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—Donald Bear, director,  
E.L. Cord Center for Learning and Literacy

center meet with parents and a progress report with recommendations is prepared and sent to the parents. A summary of the learning for each child in Reading Buddies is provided to the classroom teachers.

Said Bear of last year's students: "Significant growth in word knowledge was found both

in the midyear and end-of-year measures. We know that the tutoring these children received will support their reading achievement and will have a tremendous impact in their lives." He added that the experience benefits University students throughout their careers, as well:

"University students who tutor in the schools and in the center learn how to provide targeted, remedial instruction to children who are in great need. Our University tutors will use what they learned in tutoring throughout their teaching careers and this will impact thousands of children."

## University Farm

Logan Wood, an animal science major who will graduate in May, thought for the longest time that he wanted to become a veterinarian. Then he took an internship at the Main Station Field Laboratory—also known as the University Farm—and fell in love with biomedical research.

"I got to help out with the surgeries," Wood said. "Then I got hired on here. I really like it. I think it's really interesting. It's something I can see myself doing for the rest of my life."

He's already applying to the University's cellular and molecular biology doctoral program and plans to begin working on his Ph.D. in August. He will be under the tutelage of his



mentor, Daisy Goodrich '02Ph.D (cellular and molecular biology), who is now a research scientist in the Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Veterinary Sciences within the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources.

Currently, Wood and fellow animal science major Anna Lopez, Class of 2012, have been helping Goodrich with a project that is testing whether human hematopoietic stem cells (HCSs) that have been expanded in culture can engraft an animal model upon transplantation.

HCS cells have the unique ability to give rise to all other blood cell types, which makes them a valuable potential candidate for treating blood diseases. But, scientists have to figure out not only how to expand them in culture, but also how to maintain their engraftment capacity.

Goodrich explains: "In the world today, the supply of HCS cells is limited. The problem is that people can only receive umbilical cord blood or bone marrow transplants to cure certain diseases, and those sources are limited. It's much easier to get cord blood cells from babies after they are born, but the number of cells in a unit of cord blood is only enough to be transplanted into a child, not an adult."

Therefore, in her experiment, she is transplanting expanded human HCS cells into sheep fetuses to test whether these cells are just as good as cord blood cells and will give rise to different types of human blood cells in the lambs. However, Goodrich explains: The true test of an HCS cell is not only that it transplants into a primary recipient, but that it can be harvested and transplanted into a secondary recipient, which will show that it is long-lived and won't die out in a few generations."

Goodrich's experiment with sheep is just a test to find out if HCS cells can be propagated successfully, which could lead to better and more treatments for people with blood diseases. She has also been working with sheep experiments in the hope of finding a stem cell therapy for people with diabetes.

## Autism Program

The Early Childhood Autism Program at Nevada is the first and only university-based early intensive behavioral intervention program for young children with autism



Photo by Cauda Ortega-Liles

## Internship helps student forge career in international affairs

*Adriano Lucatelli '90, center, met during Homecoming with some of the many students he has helped over the years. The gathering was held in the political science department on campus. Among those students were Adonis Palustre, Justin Fong '11, Chelsea Hahn '11, Lauren Seymour and Daniel Vivas.*

Through the Adriano B. Lucatelli Education Internship, Justin Fong '11 (international affairs), received critical financial support for college and a year-long internship with the Northern Nevada International Center. Fong helped organize this year's Algeria Youth Leadership Program, which has been on campus for the past three years, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Citizen Exchange Division. Fong traveled to Algeria in June with Carina Black, director of the center. They brought 25 Algerian high school students to Nevada, where the youth joined with University student mentors and local high school students to gain experience in leadership, community activism, civic education, media literacy and to share Algerian and American culture. Inspired by his experiences, Fong is now pursuing a career in Algiers working on professional and cultural international exchanges.

Adriano Lucatelli '90 (political science, international affairs) returned to Nevada in October from his native Switzerland to accept the College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Alumni Award during the University's Homecoming celebration. Since 2004, Lucatelli has supported 49 Nevada students through his named scholarship and internship. He is the managing partner and co-founder of Ruess Private Group, an independent wealth management company in Bremgarten, Switzerland.

During his visit, Lucatelli met some of the students who have benefited from his support. At a gathering in the political science department offices, he told them, "You will be successful because of your education here." Lucatelli advised the students to take advantage of the opportunities on campus, including access to great faculty. He says internships, especially, "are the door to the world."

Lucatelli, who earned master's degrees from the London School of Economics and the University of Rochester in New York, as well as a doctorate from the University of Zurich, is proud of his undergraduate degree from Nevada and says that it is his appreciation of his educational foundation at Nevada that led him to give back and help students here. He received recognition, together with the Nevada Alumni Association's other award winners, during halftime at the Homecoming football game.

—Keiko Weil '87

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in the state, and is one of only a handful of such programs in the United States and the world. The program is part of the University's award-winning Behavior Analysis Program within the Department of Psychology. In addition to serving children with autism and their families, the program is also a training site for undergraduate students pursuing a degree in psychology or a related field and for graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in behavior analysis. Students are able to work directly with children who have autism and apply the scientific principles of Applied Behavior Analysis.

Natalia Garrido, a senior majoring in psychology, said she is "extremely thankful" that she has had the opportunity at Nevada to work with children with autism.

"Working with the kids means really knowing your stuff and bringing your 'A' game to

*"Working with the kids means really knowing your stuff and bringing your 'A' game to every session."*

—Natalia Garrido, senior psychology major and tutor in the Early Childhood Autism Program

every session. The program made sure that I have the skills necessary to do that. The best part is the kids, hands down. Being able to see real progress and know that I'm making a difference in the kids' as well as the families' lives is unreal."

The program is primarily home-based, the

sessions taking place in the comfort and security of the children's homes. According to associate professor of psychology Patrick Ghezzi, co-founder and director of the program, in most cases 30 hours of one-to-one intervention is provided each week throughout the year for a minimum of two years for each child.

A child with autism may also receive school-based services. These services are provided by the University tutors who worked with the child at his or her home and who are also trained to apply the methods of behavior analysis in the regular education classroom.

Doctoral candidate Jennifer Bonow '04 (psychology), '10M.A. (behavior analysis) has been working in the Early Childhood Autism Program for 10 years, the past six as an assistant director and case manager. "This work has been a remarkable and formative experience for

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas



## FUN FACTS

University tutors work with children with autism and their families in the children's homes for an average of 30 hours each week for a minimum of two years per child.





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OPPOSITE: Doctoral candidate Jennifer Bonow '04 (psychology), '10M.A. (behavior analysis) of the Early Childhood Autism Program monitors undergraduates Natalia Garrido and Morgan Manson as they work with 5-year-old Preston McLemore in his Sparks home. LEFT: The Pride of the Sierra Marching Band performs at the Nevada vs. UNLV game at Mackay stadium Oct. 8. Major support for the band comes from the E.L. Weigand Foundation, the Jack Van Sickle Foundation and others. RIGHT: Cami McCuistion '10 (secondary education) takes a break from the classroom to pose with some of her students at a nearby village where she earned service learning credit through the University Studies Abroad Consortium Bangalore, India program. USAC is generously supported by the Frances C. and William P. Smallwood Foundation and others.

me,” she said. “I have been able to see first-hand the power of behavior analysis in changing the lives of these families and children with autism for the better, often so much so that they are indistinguishable from their peers.”

Bonow noted that her undergraduate work in the program led her to pursue a doctorate in behavior analysis at Nevada.

Ghezzi said of students such as Bonow, who, by being an undergraduate tutor, get excited about continuing to help children with autism: “It’s especially gratifying for me to watch an undergraduate student enter the program without a clue as to what they want to be when they grow up and then to leave it when they graduate with a career in behavior analysis clearly in mind. As with the kids and families we serve, that’s an impact that lasts a lifetime.”

## Student Success

When students participate in experiential learning—whether it’s acting in a play, marching in the band, working as an intern, serving the community, studying abroad, or joining in any of the multitude of classes, teams, work study programs, internships and volunteer opportunities available at Nevada—they get better grades, graduate sooner and become better citizens than those who don’t.

Marlene Rebori '05Ph.D. (political science) is a community engagement specialist and faculty

member of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. She has authored numerous articles regarding civic engagement. “There is a pre-

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Ben Crystal, Shakespearean actor, scholar and author

ponderance of research that strongly indicates participation in service learning and community engagement experiences positively impact a

student’s educational outcomes,” she said.

“Various studies show that college students who have meaningful service learning and community engagement experiences have a higher rate of success, which is measured through GPA, retention and graduation rates.”

In addition, Rebori added, new research is beginning to show a correlation between highly engaged students and cultural competency, communication skills and critical thinking ability.

It’s not only students and the community who benefit from experiential learning. Teachers also find renewed passion for their work when they help students learn experientially. *Hamlet* actor Ben Crystal echoes English professor Eric Rasmussen’s sentiment that working on the play was “magical”:

“Being artist-in-residence in Rob Gander’s department was one of the happiest periods of my life and career,” Crystal said. “Watching the students flourish and blossom, and working with such a dedicated team was a joy. There’s nothing like learning by doing, and the team of young, professional actors that we trained over the three months, and their taste of a professionally run production, I hope will stay with them.”

**LOOK ONLINE**  
For additional information and links about experiential learning at Nevada visit: [www.unr.edu/silverandblue](http://www.unr.edu/silverandblue)

# Rick Sontag

Rick Sontag '66M.S. (physics)

I had two major epiphanies in my life that led to where I am today. The first happened at Nevada when I was a graduate student in physics. I worked for a summer at the Desert Research Institute where, rather than working on my laboratory project, I spent my time asking people about how the operation worked and how they received grant money from the government. I was more interested in the management side of science, instead of actually doing the sciences. My uncle, a professor at Pomona College (Claremont, Calif.), advised me to apply to business school. Although shocked at my decision to pursue business, my physics adviser, Dr. Philip Altick, wrote a recommendation for me. I applied to Harvard, Stanford, Columbia, Wharton and MIT, and was accepted at four of the five schools. I attended Harvard, earning an MBA. At Nevada, I realized I had other aptitudes, such as people and organizational skills, which led me on a career path that would make me happy. My wife, Susan, thought she was marrying a nuclear physicist, but I was not fulfilled working in a lab all day.

After graduating from Harvard, I held a variety of sales and marketing positions for companies in the scientific, medical and industrial fields. I received several promotions and helped improve sales at most of these companies, but I also got fired three times. My second epiphany came after the third firing when I realized I didn't do well working for other people and needed to go into business for myself. In the early 1980s, Susan and I bought a small aviation component company in Rockford, Ill., with our life savings of \$50,000, a second mortgage on our house, and a \$8 million loan.

Susan and I experienced hairy times, especially getting into and later expanding the business during recessions. I learned that,

to survive a recession, you just cannot give up, especially if you still view your business to be the right thing. You have to follow your plan and give it a period of time to work. Giving up is the easy way out and many people get frustrated when tough times happen. One of my Sontag rules is that I gave myself three days to cry and grieve, and then I got on with the program, since I had a family and mortgage. Even during tough economic times, there can be successful entrepreneurial ventures that require having a person with good ideas, executing them well and some luck.

There is no doubt that I would not have succeeded in business without my strong partnership with Susan. She once considered law school, but when we got married, she decided to get into a position to help earn money. She worked as a freelance court reporter for a service that allowed her to work from wherever we lived (i.e. Reno, Boston). From the start, Susan's financial support got us through the tough times. She put me through Harvard and worked during the times I was fired. She ran the household and raised our kids. She was even my assistant for a while during the early years of our company.

By 2002, we had built our company into an international market leader with \$200 million in sales. The day we sold the company to General Electric, we started The Sontag Foundation to fund medical research and "self-help" organizations. In 1994, Susan had been diagnosed with brain cancer and her battle with the disease inspired the formation of our foundation. Today, our foundation is the largest private funder of brain cancer research in the U.S. We also support rheumatoid arthritis research, as my mother died from complications from this disease. In addition, our support of charitable causes in northeast Florida range from battered

women's shelters to disadvantaged youth centers. We also advise nonprofits on how to operate their businesses. Now, I have the most fun being philanthropic.

Our recent gift to Nevada to establish the annual Sontag Entrepreneurship Award was something I had wanted to do for a long time. The award will provide \$50,000 to a student or group of students who demonstrate an ability and intention to start or expand a business. I hope it encourages the entrepreneurial spirit in Nevada's students and drives them to want to succeed, no matter the cost. So many times, opportunities are sitting in front of us that only require the decision to do them. If Susan and I can inspire people by our story to do something worthwhile, then we've done our job.

*From a conversation in September with Kristen Kennedy, College of Business development director, and Crystal Parrish, director of foundation operations. Sontag earned a bachelor's in physics from Harvey Mudd College, a master's in physics from Nevada, and an MBA from Harvard Business School. He is president of Spring Bay Companies, a venture capital firm, and board president of The Sontag Foundation. For 22 years, he headed Unison Industries, a market leader in aviation engine components, which he sold to General Electric in 2002. His wife, Susan, graduated from Pomona College with a bachelor's in government. Diagnosed in 1994 with brain cancer, she is a 17-year cancer survivor and the inspiration for the formation of The Sontag Foundation through which the Sontags support medical research and "self-help" organizations, and have given generously to their alma maters, including a recent \$1 million gift to Nevada to establish the annual Sontag Entrepreneurship Award.*

#### LOOK ONLINE

For the full version of the interview visit: [www.unr.edu/silverandblue](http://www.unr.edu/silverandblue)



A professional headshot of a middle-aged man with short, dark hair, smiling slightly. He is wearing a dark navy blue suit jacket over a light blue dress shirt and a red and blue striped tie. A small, circular pin is visible on his left lapel. The background is a dark, textured grey.

Entrepreneur  
**College of Business Philanthropist**  
Venture Capitalist



*Stacy Wong, Ashley Gray, Troy Shields and Emily Huang are the first cohort of students enrolled in the BS-MD program. They matriculated to the University of Nevada School of Medicine last fall with the Class of 2015.*

entered the University of Nevada School of Medicine last fall as part of the first cohort of medical students admitted under the new “BS-MD” program.

The School of Medicine’s innovative BS-MD program offers a seven-year accelerated pathway for a small number of motivated, mature high school seniors intending to pursue a career in medicine.

*Anne McMillin, APR, is the public relations manager for the School of Medicine.*

The ultimate goal of the BS-MD program is to keep Nevada’s top high school students in-state for their higher education by offering an incentive: complete

both a bachelor’s and medical degree in seven years instead of the usual eight.

Joining Shields in that cohort were Emily Huang, Ashley Gray, Matt Klippenstein and Stacy Wong. All but Klippenstein, who is taking an additional year to earn a minor in business, matriculated to the School of Medicine as part of the Class of 2015.

Jeff Thompson, dean of the College of Science, says the BS-MD program was conceived as a way to retain Nevada’s exceptional students beyond their undergraduate degree.

Since Nevada was losing these high school students to other states for medical school, he brainstormed with former deans at the School of Medicine and the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources to try to stem the “brain drain,” and they conceived the BS-MD program back in 2007.

“They came here wanting to get their medical degrees, and we’ve taken a year off that process. This is a wonderful opportunity for us, as these kids could’ve gone anywhere in the country,” Thompson says.

Shields, who graduated from Douglas High School in 2008, is excited about becoming a physician because the career offers a fast-paced, hands-on opportunity to use problem-solving skills.

For Shields, the decision to choose Nevada

## First cohort of BS-MD students enters medical school

Troy Shields was set on a business career. Until the day in high school he shadowed a surgeon. That one experience instantly changed his mind and set him on the path to

become a physician.

After completing the majority of the requirements for a bachelor of science degree in biology at Nevada in just three years, Shields



was easy: he wanted to stay local. He participated in a “Best and Brightest” prospective student recruiting event where he learned about the BS-MD program. The BS-MD is currently offered to biology, biochemistry, chemistry and neuroscience undergraduate majors.

Wong also attended the Best and Brightest program and learned of the BS-MD program.

“There was no doubt in my mind that I wanted to be a physician,” she says. “My sisters went to medical school and would come home with their instruments. I fell in love with it.”

Wong entered the BS-MD program to speed up the process for becoming a physician. While still majoring in biochemistry and molecular biology, Wong took advantage of mentoring and shadowing opportunities offered through the BS-MD program to meet those requirements for medical school admission.

As a first-year medical student, Wong has been getting used to the “culture shock” of medical school.

“I’ve learned that in medical school, I have to be much more efficient with my studying

and my time management. There was a much broader focus in college. I was able to do some extracurricular activities, but I gave them up for this first year of medical school,” she says, adding that she hopes to be able to add those activities back into her life as time progresses.

Even so, Wong has been pleased by the sense of community among her classmates.

“It isn’t really that cut-throat because we all help each other. There isn’t much competition with other students—we compete against ourselves.”

While the first group of BS-MD students has just begun their first year of medical school, more than two dozen are coming up through the undergraduate ranks at the University. Among that group are Erik Jensen and Jessica Kim, two recent graduates from the Davidson Academy, a public charter school for exceptionally bright students located in the Jot Travis Building on the Reno campus.

Jensen, a freshman majoring in neuroscience and a Nell J. Redfield Foundation Scholarship recipient, credits his mother, a geriatric

nurse, and his experiences at the Davidson Academy with steering him toward the medical profession. He is grateful for the structure of the BS-MD program, which brings him closer to entering medical school.

Jensen is interested in studying oncology because cancer is a disease that eludes cure.

“I’m looking at treating those with cancer first, and then later conducting research to help find a cure,” he says. “I want to do something that has a lasting impact on medicine.”

Kim, a sophomore biochemistry major, views becoming a physician as the culmination of her interest in science, her family heritage (she has an aunt, two uncles and a grandfather who are physicians) and her desire to have a fulfilling career helping people.

Being drawn to the clinical aspects of medical school, Kim shadowed School of Medicine faculty internist Tim Baker ’04M.D. last summer and was impressed at the impact he had on patients’ lives. While she is still undecided as to her choice of medical specialty, she is initially drawn to primary care. **N**

## The doctors are in

Dr. Beverly Neyland, the School of Medicine’s assistant dean for admissions and admissions committee chair, says the BS-MD program is specifically designed for students who have already made up their mind to pursue a career in medicine and have done much of the footwork in college to prepare for medical school.

“They have mentored and shadowed physicians, completed service and community projects, as well as maintained their GPA,” she says. “They have looked at other careers before coming back with a vengeance to medicine.”

Neyland explained that these self-learners are looking for the long-term experience, have innate curiosity to explore beyond what is expected and understand the challenges of a medical career.

Students accepted into the BS-MD program complete the first three years of the required undergraduate curriculum at Nevada, followed by the traditional four years of medical school.

Students are awarded their bachelor degree after successful completion of the first year of medical school (credits earned in the first year of medical school are transferred back to complete the bachelor degree) and are then awarded the medical degree after completing all medical school requirements.

Program coordinator Gina Sella says all BS-MD students are among the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class; have exemplary SAT, ACT and MCAT scores; and have all had advanced placement, honors or international baccalaureate coursework in high school.

As a group, these students have competed on high school athletic teams, played in the band, are fluent in foreign languages and have done extensive community service and volunteer work prior to college. Among their ranks is a National Merit Scholar, a mechanic, a professional figure skater, a black belt in karate and a presidential campaign worker.

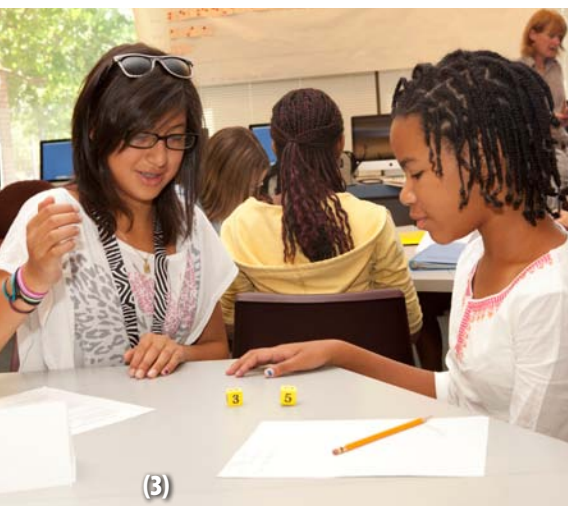
Sella collaborates with the University’s undergraduate major advisers and credits Christie

Howard, associate professor of biochemistry; Carol Ort, emerita faculty in the biology department; Elena Pravosudova, associate professor and vice chair of biology, and Tamara Valentine, director of the Honors Program, for their help in ensuring the academic progress and success of the BS-MD students.

Ranna Nash, a learning skills specialist, tutors and helps participants prepare for the MCAT exam and the transition from college to medical school.

The BS-MD program extended to UNLV this academic year with the first group of students entering the biological sciences major. There are 37 students enrolled statewide in the BS-MD program between the University, UNLV and the University of Nevada School of Medicine.

To learn more about the requirements for the BS-MD program, please visit [www.medicine.nevada.edu/dept/asa/prospective\\_applicants/programs\\_bsmd.htm](http://www.medicine.nevada.edu/dept/asa/prospective_applicants/programs_bsmd.htm), or contact Ann Diggins, director of recruitment for the School of Medicine at (702) 671-2202 or Gina Sella at (775) 682-8354, or [bsmd@medicine.nevada.edu](mailto:bsmd@medicine.nevada.edu).



# Summer youth camps are fun and educational

Summertime is a lot of fun for kids, and parents prefer youth programs that provide enriching experiences for their children. Finding an educational day or overnight program for your child is simple. The University hosts or co-sponsors a wide variety of summer youth camp programs and other, family-centered activities. Here's a list of top northern Nevada summer camps and summer activities for children and families.

## LOOK ONLINE

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## SUMMER CAMPS

### Child and Family Research Center Summer Day Camp

The summer day camp program is a full-day, full-week program for children ages 5 – 10 (5-year-olds must have completed kindergarten.) Activities include swimming, movies, crafts and field trips. The program begins June 13 and ends Aug. 26, and is held at the University of Nevada, Reno's 11th Street site. Space is limited. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Contact: (775) 784-6762 or visit [www.unr.edu/educ/cfrc](http://www.unr.edu/educ/cfrc).

### Engineering Summer Camps

These fun camps encourage students, ages 12 – 17, to explore engineering through hands-on lessons, activities, lab experiments, and field trips. Three Intro to Engineering Camps, ages 12 – 14, are offered,

along with a Civil Engineering Camp and a Computer Science Camp, both for students 13 – 17. Minorities and females are encouraged to participate! Scholarships and financial assistance are available. Contact: Debbie DeLauer at [ddelauer@unr.edu](mailto:ddelauer@unr.edu).

### Girls Math and Technology Camp

This program seeks to improve girls' abilities and dispositions in math and technology. A one-week, overnight summer camp in July is for girls who will enter the 7th or 8th grade the following fall. A program website offering year-round services will soon be available. Scholarships are available to girls in financial need. Contact (775) 682-7849 or [unrmathcamp@gmail.com](mailto:unrmathcamp@gmail.com).

### Global Kids

Global Kids is a day camp for grades 1 – 6 run by the Northern Nevada International Center on the Reno campus in June. Children will explore the language, foods, stories, history, art, sports, music, and dance of

Nevada's Native Americans and different continents through hands-on activities, visits from special guests, and field trips. Contact: Carina Black, (775) 784-7515 ext. 221 or [nnic@unr.edu](mailto:nnic@unr.edu).

### Great Basin Naturalists Summer Day Camp

Give your kids a ticket to outdoor adventure this summer at Great Basin Naturalists Summer Day Camp in Galena Creek Regional Park and Recreation Area. Trained counselors will guide children ages 8 – 12 as they discover local flora, fauna, geology and cultural history of the Galena Canyon area and the region. Activities include hands-on programs and games, hikes, guided activities, field trips and special guest speakers. This camp is based out of the new Galena Creek Visitor Center. Contact: Stefanie Givens, (775) 849-4948 or [sgivens@GBInstitute.org](mailto:sgivens@GBInstitute.org), or visit [www.thegreatbasininstitute.org](http://www.thegreatbasininstitute.org).

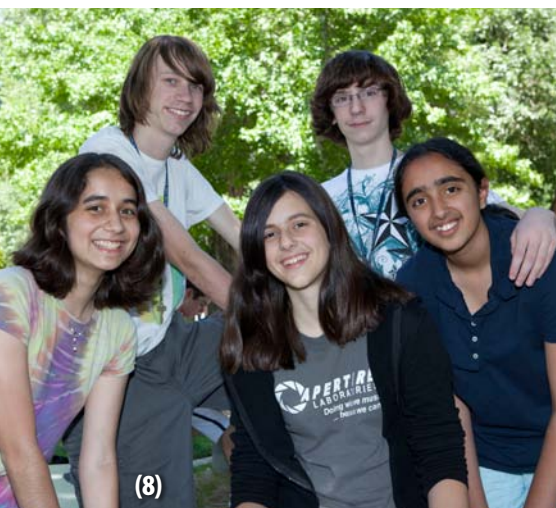




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## KIDS University

Extended Studies helps the University play host to thousands of youths in grades 2 – 8. KIDS University holds seven themed weeks during June and July, including sessions in music, language, the arts, math, science, humanities, sports and games. Contact: Extended Studies, (775) 784-4046, or visit [www.extendedstudies.unr.edu](http://www.extendedstudies.unr.edu).

## Nevada Boys State

American Legion Nevada Boys' State provides training in leadership and citizenship for America's most promising youth. The one-week program June 10 – 16 provides a unique summertime educational experience focusing on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with governing bodies and elected public officials. Contact: (888) 646-6594, [info@nevadaboysstate.org](mailto:info@nevadaboysstate.org) or visit [www.nevadaboysstate.org](http://www.nevadaboysstate.org).

## Reading and Writing Tutoring

Located in the William J. Raggio Building on campus, the E.L.

Cord Foundation Center for Learning and Literacy provides literacy tutoring and enrichment for children in the summer months. The center tutors children in grades 1-6 who have difficulties learning to read, write and spell. Children are tutored in small groups with an emphasis on developmental instruction and providing positive learning experiences. Contact: The center, (775) 682-5522, or Judy Otteson, (775) 784-1161.

## Summer of Discovery

Hosted by the School of Medicine and Nevada Area Health Education Center, this one-week day camp provides 36 Nevada high school students currently in grades 8 through 10 the chance to become excited about science. Students spend their time participating in inquiry-based, group activities in science; designing experiments to test hypotheses; and learning about successful scientists. 775.682.5744, July 30 – Aug. 4 on campus. Contact: Cory Martin, (775) 738-3828, Andrea Gibbins, (775) 682-5744, or visit [www.medicine.nevada.edu/dept/k\\_12/hs\\_sod.htm](http://www.medicine.nevada.edu/dept/k_12/hs_sod.htm).

## THINK Summer Institute

Gifted students interested in a challenging academic summer program should attend the THINK Summer Institute on campus. This intense, three-week residential summer program offers exceptionally gifted 13- to 16-year-old students the opportunity to earn six transferable college credits. Contact: (775) 852-3483 ext. 6, THINK@[davidsongifted.org](mailto:davidsongifted.org) or visit [www.davidsongifted.org/THINK](http://www.davidsongifted.org/THINK).

## Wolf Pack Sports Camps

Nevada Wolf Pack Athletics and Extended Studies offer day and overnight sports camps for boys and girls with all levels of experience, including elementary school students, middle and high school players and teams, and budding young athletes in such sports as football, basketball, baseball, golf, softball, soccer and volleyball. Contact: Extended Studies, (775) 784-4046, or visit the Athletics department web page: [www.nevadawolfpack.com](http://www.nevadawolfpack.com).





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(1) Upward Bound, (2) Nevada Girls State, (3) Nevada Girls State and (4) Lake Tahoe Music Camp.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### Dean's Future Scholars

This innovative program gives hope to low-income youth who show a great potential for college success. The program helps dedicated students graduate from high school and attend college to become teachers. Students are selected in 6th grade. Tutored by talented University students, middle school students attend a three-week session that introduces them to college life. High school students earn high school math credits during a six-week program. Advanced high school students earn six college credits and have a paid internship on campus, funded by NevadaWorks. Contact Bob Edgington, (775) 784-4237, bobdfs@unr.edu, or visit: [www.unr.edu/educ/dfs](http://www.unr.edu/educ/dfs)

### Upward Bound

Upward Bound is a federally funded, year-round college preparatory program serving 175 first-generation, college-bound, income-qualified high school students from nine target high schools in Washoe, Lyon, and Douglas Counties. During the academic year, participants attend weekly advising and tutoring sessions, monthly Saturday workshops on college application, test preparation, career choices, study skills, time management, financial literacy, financial

aid, and participate in community service, educational and cultural enrichment activities. Each summer, participants enrolled in the program attend a six-week Summer Academy on the University campus with six hours daily of classes in math, science, English, social studies, foreign languages and electives, earning credit toward high school graduation. Some of the Summer Academy participants live in a residence hall on campus during all or part of the six-week program. Contact Eliza Major, (775) 784-4978, emajor@unr.edu, or visit [www.unr.edu/upward-bound](http://www.unr.edu/upward-bound).

## 4-H SUMMER CAMPS

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension offers summer camping opportunities for 4-H and other youth from all over the state at the beautiful State 4-H camp on 32 shoreline acres on the south shore of Lake Tahoe. Nevada 4-H also offers such summer programs as Discover Your Future, which takes place at the University's Reno campus and gives students a chance to experience life on campus by living in dorms, eating in the cafeteria and visiting participating colleges to find out more about academics.

### Campers with Disabilities Camp MDA

Camp MDA: Firefighters from Reno and Las Vegas set aside a week to spend at the Nevada State 4-H Camp with youth with muscular

dystrophy. They provide campers with fantastic experiences: wheel chair races, eating contests, swimming and boating in Lake Tahoe, as well as the annual waterfight between the kids and the firefighters! The week-long, overnight camp will be held Aug. 15 – 21. Contact: (775) 333-6789, toll-free (866) 279-4754, or [mda.org](http://mda.org).

### Lake Tahoe Music Camp

The Nevada 4-H camp on the shores of Lake Tahoe is the site of Lake Tahoe Music Camp, directed by University music associate professor Andy Heglund and some of the finest music educators in their fields. The camp hosts nearly 200 young musicians for a week of music activities, clinics and concerts. Contact: Chris Money at Extended Studies, (775) 784-4046, [cmoney@unr.edu](mailto:cmoney@unr.edu) or visit [www.unr.edu/ltrmc](http://www.unr.edu/ltrmc).

### Nevada Girls State

Nevada Girls State is a weeklong, fast-paced, leadership program in a camp setting, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada and the University of Nevada, Reno. Throughout the week the delegates learn about the various elected and appointed offices on the city, county, and state level, and they run for election. They learn to write legislation and participate in a mock legislative session at the end of the week. This year's session will be July 1 – 7. Contact: Daela Gibson, [nevadagirlsstate@gmail.com](mailto:nevadagirlsstate@gmail.com), or visit [www.nevadagirlsstate.net](http://www.nevadagirlsstate.net).





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Photo courtesy Lake Tahoe Music Camp



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(5) 4-H Leadership Camp, (6) Lake Tahoe Music Camp, (7) and (8) Summer Concerts and Watermelon on the Quad.

## Nevada Youth Range Camp

This overnight camp from June 17 - 23 at Big Creek Campground in the Toiyabe Mountains lets 14- 18-year-olds learn from range management professionals. Students learn basic surveying and map reading, identification and importance of rangeland plants, evaluation of sagebrush and woodland ecosystems, wildlife surveying techniques and evaluation of stream health. Contact: Jim Gatzke (775) 726-3101 ext. 103, james.gatzke@nv.usda.gov, or visit <http://nevada.rangelands.org/Range%20Camp.html>.

## Retreats and Conferences

Many groups use the Nevada State 4-H Camp for leadership retreats where they can spend a weekend or longer learning, working and celebrating. The camp can provide directors with innovative ideas and challenging outdoor experiences. The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension 4-H Camp is available for rental year round. Day use is permitted between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Overnight use includes use of cabins as well as all other 4-H Camp facilities. For more information about the Nevada 4-H camp, visit [www.unce.unr.edu/4H/camp](http://www.unce.unr.edu/4H/camp).

## Youth Education and Leadership Camps

During the months of July and August, 4-H youth leadership

development camps take place where team building, communication skills, and safety and awareness are taught. Camps include the Western Area 4-H Camp, the Central Area 4-H Camp and the Southern 4-H Camp. Other groups that also hold summer camps on the 4-H campgrounds include: Camp Winnaribbun, Girl Scouts, ASUN and University of Nevada, Reno Prospective Students.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

### Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center

A fixture on the University's Reno campus for nearly 50 years, Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center welcomes community members of all ages with its spectacular star shows and SkyDome feature films in the Star Theater. It also offers weekly morning preschool activities, sky talks, free interactive museum exhibits and an outdoor observatory. Contact: Dan Ruby, (775) 784-4812, danruby@unr.edu or visit [www.planetarium.unr.edu](http://www.planetarium.unr.edu).

### Movies at the Joe

The Joe Crowley Student Union on campus offers many activities open to the public, including free movies on the lawn outside the The Joe. For more information, call the student union's information desk, (775) 784-6505, or visit [www.unr.edu/studentunion](http://www.unr.edu/studentunion).

## Nevada Humanities Chautauqua

Nevada Humanities Chautauqua is an annual living history festival in which scholars, in costume and in character, bring historical figures to life. Chautauqua programs provide dramatic insights into the people and events that have shaped our nation and the world, and also provide a historical lens for looking at contemporary issues. The 2011 Nevada Humanities Chautauqua takes place June 26 - 30 at the Robert Z. Hawkins Amphitheater, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, Reno. This year's event celebrates the 20th anniversary of Chautauqua in Nevada, and features such characters as Meriwether Lewis and Henry VIII. Contact: Nevada Humanities, (775) 784-6587, or visit [nevadahumanities.org](http://nevadahumanities.org).

## Summer Concerts and Watermelon on the Quad

Voted one of *Reno Gazette-Journal's* "Best Family Outings" — free Watermelon Wednesday concerts on the Quad are fun for all ages. Bring a blanket and join the fun from 6 to 8 p.m. on July 11, 18 and 25, and Aug. 1, 8 and 15. Co-sponsored by Summer Session and the Nevada Alumni Association. Contact: Summer Session office, (775) 784-4652, [summer@unr.edu](mailto:summer@unr.edu) or visit [www.summersession.unr.edu](http://www.summersession.unr.edu).





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## Thornton endowments honor peacemakers and volunteers

The campus group M.E.N. (Motivated, Extraordinary, Noble) of Distinction was honored among the recipients of the 2011 Thornton Peace Prize for peacefully resolving on-and-off campus conflicts with their peers.

"Students have to make a tough decision: Do I engage or do I stand down?" says group adviser Reginald Stewart '03M.Ed. (educational leadership), '10Ph.D. (educational leadership). "The M.E.N. of Distinction made the clear choice to rise above old conflicts that may have followed them from high school."

The honor has been awarded annually since 1970. Award founders William Thornton '58 (criminal justice) and Professor Emeritus Barbara Thornton '57 (pre-law), '67M.A., established the endowments this year to create long-term support for the peace prize and the Margery Cavanaugh Community Volunteer Award, established by Barbara and her brother John Cavanaugh in 1991 in honor of their mother.

Additional recipients this year include the student social work group FUSED and instruc-

*Members of the University's M.E.N. (Motivated, Extraordinary, Noble) of Distinction include Roderick Palmer, Brandon Jackson, Caleb Trotter, Glen Martial, James Hogg, Tyler Scott, Sean Tory, Chidi Okonkwo, Jon Head and Daniel Moore.*

tor Barry Peterson, who teaches in the Holocaust, Genocide & Peace Studies Program. Environmental science major Brady Iubelt received the community volunteer award.

*To learn more about endowments at the University of Nevada, Reno, please contact Keiko Weil, '87, director of donor relations, (775) 682-5964 or kweil@unr.edu.*

—Roseann Keegan

## Noted professor Winne remembered

Friends and colleagues of professor emeritus Don Winne, who passed away in October, are paying tribute to the acclaimed professor by supporting an endowment in his name. Winne served on the College of Business scholarship committee for many years, personally funding scholarships for students the committee deemed inspirational. When Winne received the 2008 B.J. Fuller Outstanding Teaching Award, he used the award money to create the Don Winne Inspirational Student Scholarship for students who demonstrate perseverance in and out of the classroom. Upon Winne's retirement in

2010, his fellow faculty members funded the scholarship to the endowment level.

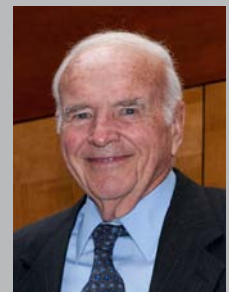
"He took into account not just the student's academic performance, but the obstacles a student was going through," says Professor Rafik Beekun, co-director of the Center for Corporate Governance and Business Ethics.

During his 81 years, Winne was a U.S. Marine Corps first lieutenant and legal officer, FBI special agent, ghost-writer for J. Edgar Hoover, deputy attorney general of the Nevada Gaming Control Board, College of Business chair and associate and acting dean.

*Remembrances can be made to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, MS0162, Reno, NV, 89557, with Don Winne Scholarship noted on the memo line. To learn*

*more about supporting the College of Business, please contact Kristen Kennedy '98, development director, (775) 682-6940 or kristenk@unr.edu.*

—Roseann Keegan



Don Winne



## Professor Shin establishes graduate student endowment

More than 40 years after arriving on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, Professor Hyung Kyu Shin is still a fixture in the Department of Chemistry, showing up to his office daily despite his partial retirement in 2000.

Shin—a humble man, quick to deflect attention and praise from himself and onto others—wanted to create something lasting on campus to benefit hardworking and deserving graduate students while saying thank you to the institution where he spent his career. Last summer, he established the Hyung K. Shin Graduate Scholarship Endowment to benefit students pursuing a master's or doctorate degree in chemistry.

"I think we always need something for the graduate students," Shin says. "Any way we can supplement their stipends with additional funds is very important for attracting and rewarding good students."

Shin served as the chair of the Department

of Chemistry twice, from 1976-80 and 1991-95. He was awarded the University's first Outstanding Researcher of the Year Award in 1975, was named University Foundation Professor in 1984 and received the University Distinguished Faculty Award in 2003.

He was twice awarded the Alan Bible Excellence in Teaching Award, in 1986 and 2000. To date, he has authored more than 190 scientific journal articles.

Shin also chronicled his experiences as a soldier in the Korean War in two books: *Korea 1950* and *Remembering Korea 1950*, the latter recognized by historians as the only English-language account of the Korean conflict from the perspective of a Korean soldier.

"I came to Nevada many years ago, and this is a very good place to stay and start your professional career," Shin says. "The University has supported my career so generously—I have to pay this back in some way."



Photo by Theresa Dama-Douglas

Hyung Kyu Shin

Shin continues his active research and teaches at the University on an occasional basis.

"This is a great place that I still thoroughly enjoy," Shin says.

To learn more about supporting the College of Science, please contact Char Hagemann, development director, (775) 682-8791 or [chagemann@unr.edu](mailto:chagemann@unr.edu).

—Roseann Keegan



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Redfield Scholar Connie Duong, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, Redfield Scholar Lisa Bryant, President Marc Johnson, Redfield trustee Jeane Jones, Redfield Scholar Erik Jensen, Redfield trustee Jerry Smith and Redfield Scholar Dallas Ahrens. Not pictured: Redfield Scholar Michelle Duggan.

gious award. Each Redfield Scholar receives \$15,000 per year for four years.

Nevada is among the sponsor schools included as part of recruitment materials sent to students across the country who are contending for National Merit scholarship programs, regarded among the highest of academic honors attainable by U.S. high school students.

To learn more about supporting the University's National Merit Scholarship program, please contact John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or [jcarothers@unr.edu](mailto:jcarothers@unr.edu).

—Roseann Keegan

## Redfield salutes new scholars

New recipients of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Scholarship for University of Nevada, Reno National Merit Scholars were honored at a Morrill Hall reception in September, including Connie Duong, Lisa Bryant, Erik Jensen,

Dallas Ahrens and Michelle Duggan.

The Redfield Foundation established the scholarship program at the University in 2010 with a commitment to sponsor 20 National Merit Scholars, the University's most presti-



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## Foundation Banquet

The 30th Anniversary University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Banquet held Sept. 22 featured guest speaker Steven D. Levitt, author of *Freakonomics* and *SuperFreakonomics*. Funds raised from the Foundation Banquet help support students and faculty. Special thanks to our platinum sponsor—The Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation—as well as our other sponsors for a successful event: E.L. Cord Foundation, Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Jane Witter '74,

Barrick Gold of North America, Ann Carlson '59 and NV Energy.

**(1)** Dr. Steven D. Levitt speaks to an audience of over 750 guests, sharing his unique perspective of the world.

**(2)** Clark Knobel, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, Mary K. Knobel '88 and 2011 chairman for the Foundation Board of Trustees Mark Knobel '77.

**(3)** Steven D. Levitt with University President Marc Johnson and Dr. Karen Penner-Johnson.

**(4)** Diamond sponsor Jane Witter with Patrick Morrissey '76 and Joyce Morrissey '88.

**(5)** Diana Quinlan '80, Mark Quinlan '78, Steve Johnson '77, Camie Johnson '83, Margo Bertelson '78, and Bill Bertelson '72.

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## Wells Fargo Luncheon

The annual Wells Fargo First Generation Scholarship Luncheon was held Nov. 8 honoring 21 scholarship recipients who represent the first generation of their families to attend college. Wells Fargo presented a ceremonial check for \$50,000 to continue the scholarship program.

**(1)** Wells Fargo Northern Nevada president Chad Osorno and Wells Fargo community support representative Kelly Goodman present the check to the 21 scholarship recipients and Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers.

## Davidson Fellow Performance

The David Institute for Talent Development in conjunction with the Reno Philharmonic Association and the University held a reception and performance with Davidson Fellow, pianist Conrad Tao. Guests gathered in the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center's Nell J. Redfield Foundation Auditorium.

**(2)** Conrad Tao with Reno Philharmonic Maestra Laura Jackson.

**(3)** Pianist Conrad Tao with Jan and Bob Davidson.

## Nevada Writers Hall of Fame

Cowboy poet Waddie Mitchell was honored Nov. 17 with the 2011 Nevada Writers Hall of Fame award. David Mullins and Matthew O'Brien received the Silver Pen awards.

**(4)** Matthew O'Brien, Waddie Mitchell and David Mullins.

## Nevada Rural Health Day

A welcome reception for new School of Medicine Dean Tom Schwenk was held in Elko, Nov. 16.

**(5)** Regent Kevin Melcher '79, '81M.S., School of Medicine Dean Tom Schwenk and Elko Mayor Chris Johnson '87.





Photo by Jamie Kingham

## University welcomes largest freshman class

Enrollment at the University of Nevada, Reno hit the 18,000 mark for the first time with 18,004 undergraduate and graduate students welcomed to campus in fall 2011. This reflects a 2 percent increase over the fall 2010 enrollment of 17,679 students.

The University saw a 4 percent increase in first-time freshman, with 2,880 freshman starting in fall 2011 compared to 2,764 in 2010.

The University also welcomed 66 new Presidential Scholars and 12 new National Merit Scholars, bringing the total number of Presidential Scholars to 165 and National Merit Scholars to 46—the largest number of

each type of scholar ever enrolled at Nevada.

“This accomplished class is the largest freshman class in the University’s history,” University President Marc Johnson said. “These students will contribute to the campus atmosphere and learning environment, and they will contribute to the state’s future success.”

Diversity also continues to increase. Enrollment of students of color is up 8 percent, bringing the total of undergraduate and graduate students of color to 26 percent.

“Having a diverse student enrollment contributes to the overall educational experience and prepares students for increasingly

*New students hang out on the historic Quad.*

diverse workplaces and the global economy,” Johnson said.

—Natalie Savidge '04

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—HOLLY WALTON-BUCHANAN '03PH.D

## Nevada ranked among the nation’s best national universities

*U.S. News & World Report* issued its annual college rankings in September and Nevada is again in the top tier of “best national universities,” ranked number 181. The rankings now include a separate listing of the “top public schools” in which the University is ranked at number 100.

In 2011, *U.S. News* surveyed more than 1,600 universities and colleges. Of those, 252 are numerically ranked in the top tier of “best national universities” for 2012. Schools in this category offer a full range of undergraduate majors, masters and doctoral degrees and are committed to a productive research program.

The University’s placement at number 181 is up from its ranking at 191 last year.

Two University colleges were also ranked:

- The College of Engineering is ranked at number 156 in the category of “best undergraduate engineering programs.” To be ranked, the highest degree awarded through the college must be a doctoral degree and the college must have at least one program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. Seven College of Engineering programs are ABET accredited and the college is also ranked among *U.S. News*’ “best graduate schools.”

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—OFFICE OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

- The College of Business is ranked at number 261 in the category of “best undergraduate business programs.”

To be ranked, the college or program must be accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

“The University of Nevada, Reno is a competitive research university, and we provide a top-tier educational experience,” said University President Marc Johnson.

“This ranking is a statement about the students we attract, the quality of our faculty and the graduates we produce.” Nevada’s gains in graduation and retention rates contributed to the improved ranking.

—Jane Tors '82



## MBA program skyrockets to fourth in nation

The part-time MBA program in the College of Business has been ranked number four in the country in *Businessweek's* 2011 Top Part-Time MBA Programs report.

Kambiz Raffiee, associate dean of the College of Business and director of the College's MBA program, said: "I believe this is unprecedented. I don't think I have heard of any of the University's programs being ranked so highly—not in my 28 years at the University. It really makes a statement about the quality of our faculty and how hard they work to make this program one that sets the standard for other programs in the country."

The MBA program outranked programs at prestigious institutions such as USC, UC Berkeley and Rice this year.

Much of the ranking is based on student surveys of MBA graduates, with the remainder based upon other data, such as class size, GMAT scores of students and program completion rates. The Nevada program has the second highest completion rate of any part-time MBA program in the country, with 99 percent of students who enroll in the program completing the program. Raffiee said the high completion rate is a result of the program's structure, with evening and weekend classes to accommodate working professionals, as well as the fact that the program meets and exceeds the students' expectations.

"When you look at the survey, students graded our program an 'A+' in all three categories—teaching quality, caliber of classmates and curriculum," Raffiee said. "We couldn't be more pleased."

According to *Businessweek*, the program is paying off big for its students. Graduates experience an average salary increase of 28.7 percent after completing the program, which has a



*Students in Nevada's part-time MBA program give it an "A+" for teaching quality, caliber of classmates and curriculum. Kambiz Raffiee is the program's director.*

*Review's Best Business Schools* guidebook for the fourth year in a row. Those rankings are derived from the opinions of more than 19,000 students at the best, accredited MBA programs in the world, as well as data from those institutions. Although the guidebook does not rank the schools in order, Nevada's overall "Academic Experience Rating" was 85 this year, up four points from last year.

Raffiee said: "Being included in *The Princeton Review's Best Business Schools* book again this year is very rewarding. It is especially gratifying to see that we have scored even higher this year, evidence that our faculty

members are not content to rest on our laurels. They work hard to make the program better each year."

The students gave the program's professors especially high marks, evidenced by the 93 they scored the program in the category of "Professors' Interesting Rating." Students said their professors are "extremely knowledgeable in their fields," and they liked the instructors' "case study and team-oriented" approach.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.

per-credit cost that is the lowest of any of the 76 ranked programs in the country, at \$239 per credit. Programs such as those at UC Berkeley and Rice, which ranked five and six respectively, just below the University of Nevada, Reno program, have a per-credit cost of seven to 10 times that of the Nevada program.

In addition, the College of Business MBA program was included in *The Princeton*

## MBA alumna Hera Siu named one of 10 global women on the rise by *Fortune Magazine*

A 1984 graduate of Nevada's MBA program, Hera Siu, who also earned her bachelor's degree in managerial sciences here in 1982, was recently named one of "10 global women on the rise" by *Fortune Magazine*. Siu is president of operations in China for the German software giant, SAP. *Fortune* noted that since Siu's appointment to the position last year, its China sales were up 33 percent in the first half of 2011 and that Siu is on track to double revenues in her division



Hera Siu

within the next three years. The College of Business recognized Siu as its 2011 Distinguished Alumna.

Siu's husband, Bernard Kwok, also earned his MBA at Nevada in 1984 and his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1981. Kwok is also a corporate leader in the worldwide software industry, currently serving as senior vice president of Asia Pacific and Japan for Symantec.

"Our goal is to prepare students to succeed in a global economy," said Greg Mosier, dean of the College of Business. "The success of our graduates, as well as recognition such as this by *Businessweek* and being included in *The Princeton Review*, affirms that we are providing our students with the skills and knowledge they need to become our business leaders of tomorrow."

For more information about Nevada's MBA program, contact Kambiz Raffiee at 775-682-9142 or raffiee@unr.edu.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.

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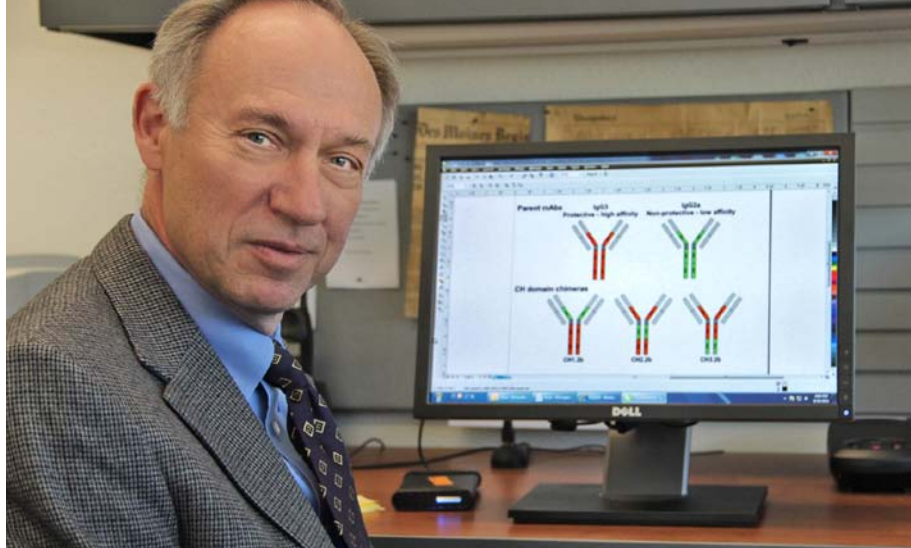


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Tom Kozel, School of Medicine professor of microbiology, in one of his labs in the University's Center for Molecular Medicine.

University's Technology Transfer Office and IMMY.

"We developed several antibodies to the fungus with the support of research funded by the National

Institutes of Health," Kozel said. "IMMY needed an antibody that worked well with their idea for this new noninvasive procedure to introduce in developing countries where deaths are skyrocketing from HIV-related cryptococcal meningitis. We found fairly quickly that one of ours works very well."

**1.3 MILLION PEOPLE DIED OF AIDS-RELATED CAUSES IN 2009 IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, 72 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL 1.8 MILLION DEATHS WORLDWIDE.**

—UNAID GLOBAL REPORT 2010

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

## New life-saving blood test could help prevent HIV-related deaths in Africa

A new, rapid blood test that could lead to early diagnosis and potentially save the lives of hundreds of thousands of people stricken with fungal meningitis, a leading cause of AIDS-related deaths in developing countries, is getting closer to market with a recent collaboration between the University and Immuno-Mycology (IMMY) in Oklahoma.

"The ability to quickly identify yeast infection in patients is expected to help in significantly reducing cryptococcal meningitis deaths in resource-limited countries such as those in sub-Saharan Africa," said Tom Kozel, professor of microbiology in the School of Medicine. "Cryptococcosis is a rare form of meningitis among otherwise healthy individuals, but an estimated 600,000 lives are lost to this infection each year in patients with AIDS.

Many of these lives could be saved through early diagnosis."

If successful, the new field test to detect cryptococcal antigen will use a drop of blood from a finger-stick or a urine sample to immediately identify the presence of the disease so that treatment can begin instantly, rather than having to wait for results to be processed at a lab. The point-of-care product is the result of a collaboration between Kozel and Sean Bauman, president and CEO of IMMY, a biotech company founded in 1979 whose mission is to drastically reduce mortality caused by infectious diseases through the increased use of affordable diagnostics. IMMY's particular research focus is mycology—the study of fungi. The product is being developed under a licensing agreement established through the

## \$10 million grant supports biological sciences team

A multi-disciplinary, five-year project at the University has received \$10 million in funding from the National Institutes of Health. The project seeks to better understand and eventually manipulate the communication between cells that causes human neurological and other diseases.

With this funding, the School of Medicine, the College of Science and the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources will establish a new NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) project that focuses on the cell biology of signaling across membranes,

as well as mentoring biomedical researchers.

"Young biomedical researchers will be trained and supported to conduct research to better understand how cells and cellular compartments communicate with each other and how defects in such communication may trigger disease," said neuroscientist and project director Chris von Bartheld, professor of physiology and cell biology.

The project includes funds to establish two core facilities for microscopy and tissue culture in the life sciences wing of the Fleischmann Agriculture Building, as well as basic science and clinical faculty mentoring programs for the junior faculty. The project will employ up to 30 scientists, technicians and graduate students, and provide for renovations and upgrades to labs and equipment.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



Photo courtesy of Chris von Bartheld

An electron-microscopic image of signaling across the cell membranes of a developing brain's synapse, shows transport of a growth factor between two nerve cells. Cross-membrane signaling is the general topic of the new \$10 million COBRE project funded by the National Institutes of Health's National Center for Research Resources.



## Nevada grad named Marshall Scholar

The Marshall Scholarship is one of the most prestigious scholarships awarded to undergraduates seeking to pursue postgraduate degrees. For the first time in the scholarship's 58-year history, a University of Nevada, Reno student, Max Alderman, who graduated with his bachelor's degree in philosophy and political science in December, was chosen as a Marshall Scholar.

Similar to the Rhodes Scholarship, only 40 or fewer Marshall Scholars are named each year, and with the distinction comes a full-ride, two-year scholarship at any United Kingdom university. Former Marshall Scholars have included Pulitzer Prize winners, ambassadors, governors, congressmen, attorney generals, supreme court justices, university presidents and top scientists.

The 2012 Marshall Scholars include Alderman and 35 other top national scholars, including several graduates from Ivy League schools such as Princeton, Harvard

and Yale. Alderman is no stranger to the national spotlight. He earned the title of the top collegiate debater in the country in March when he was named the Top Individual Speaker at the National Parliamentary Debate Association's Championship Tournament, beating out 306 other top collegiate debaters.

Alderman has a 3.93 grade-point average and is known for his caring personality and sense of humor. His debate coach, Phil Sharp, who dubbed him "the Lady Gaga" of debate, said, "Max's friendly nature and concern for the silenced in our world has endeared him to many, while his humor and personality have won over even the most cynical of people."

Capturing the Marshall Scholarship, however, didn't come easy to Alderman. He has been working on the application process since spring 2011, with the help of mentor Vipin Gupta, an adjunct faculty member in the Honors Program who was also a Marshall Scholar. When Gupta was bestowed the honor, he promised his mentor that he would help other students who wanted to pursue top international scholarships. Therefore, he taught a course to a select group of honors students last spring, giving them tips on applying for

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*Max Alderman '11 was one of 36 students in the country awarded the prestigious Marshall Scholarship to study in the United Kingdom for two years.*

the scholarships. After the course ended, he continued to work with Alderman.

"He really put his mind and heart into the course," Gupta said. "He made some mistakes, but he learned from them. I could see how serious he was about pursuing it and the effort he was willing to put into it, so I offered to continue to work with him."

Alderman chose to pursue his master's in philosophy at the University of Warwick in Coventry, about an hour northwest of London, because he says it has one of the best philosophy programs in the world.

—Claudene Wharton, '86, '99M.A.

## Reynolds grad student wins big at Hack4Reno

Bob Mills '09 (journalism), a student in the Interactive Journalism Master's Program, took first place in the Best Application of Government Data category at Hack4Reno, Oct. 15 and 16. The event was billed as a 24-hour hackathon to develop websites or apps that collect and share information to promote civic engagement.

"I wanted to create a channel for constituents to have a voice in government in a more interesting way," Mills said.

Mills conceived Council Watch—an interactive app he describes as a fun user interface—for city council agendas. When launched, the app allows users to rank

council agenda items by theme and personal importance (i.e., education, public safety, recreation, etc.) and encourages people to attend council meetings and offer public comments.

"We're making it easier and less time-consuming to participate in civic government via apps and websites that are accessible on mobile devices, laptops and computers," Mills said.

Hack4Reno was the brainchild of Colin Loretz, community manager and owner of Reno Collective, a community workspace for small businesses, independent workers, startups and entrepreneurs.

Loretz recruited University faculty and



Bob Mills

Photo by David Galtier

students to participate in the event. Larry Dailey, Reynolds Chair for Media Technologies; Donica Mensing, associate journalism professor; Sarali Diaz, information technology specialist, and Sushil Louis, computer science and engineering professor, joined in the round-the-clock event.

Mills turned to the Reno subset of Reddit.com—an entertainment and news aggregation site—to find skilled team members. He soon joined up with Sean Reeves and John Freeman, both PHP programmers, and Dan Martin, a local graphic designer. Together, the team gave wings to Council Watch.

—Zanny Marsh '09MJM

### LOOK ONLINE

For a City of Reno YouTube video about Hack4Reno, visit: [www.unr.edu/silverandblue](http://www.unr.edu/silverandblue)

## Faces on the Quad

**ZACHARY BETTS**, education major, received the ROTC's Presidential Scholarship and will be commissioned as a



second lieutenant the day before he graduates this spring and before he departs for Fort Rucker in Alabama to begin U.S. Army aviator training. He is ranked 13th in the country

among 5,643 senior cadets. When he retires from the Army, Betts plans to teach and coach. Betts has been on the dean's list every semester and is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society and Pi Lambda Theta, a selective national honor society of educators.

**BRIDGET MAESTRETTI**, secondary education major, was chosen to receive the first Kenny C. Guinn Memorial Millennium Scholarship, a scholarship created by the Nevada Legislature with funds donated to the Nevada Treasurer's Office in honor of the late governor. She also made the dean's list and received an invitation to the Golden Key International Honour Society. Maestretti tutors college and high school students in mathematics, and plans to teach math in Nevada after she graduates this spring.



**CASEY STITELER**, political science major, is president of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada, formerly serving



as the organization's director of programming, as well as director of legislative affairs, a department he helped to create. Stiteler and his family run Casey's Project Ltd., a local

nonprofit that helps raise funds to provide local pediatric wards with entertainment, equipment, toys, games and art supplies. The family started the organization after Stiteler survived treatment for a brain tumor at age 12. Stiteler will graduate this spring and hopes to attend law school.

—Tiffany Moore, Class of 2013

## Nevada Silver & Blue wins top awards in press contest

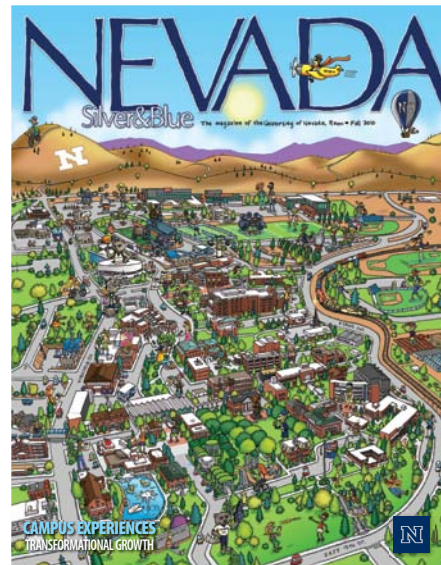
*Nevada Silver & Blue*, the magazine of the University of Nevada, Reno, won four awards, two first-place and two third-place, in the Nevada Press Association's Best of Nevada Journalism 2011 contest.

*Nevada Silver & Blue's* regular columnist, K-von '03 (marketing), a professional comedian, won first place for Best Local Column, which drew the judges' comment, "Very funny!"

Winning first place for Best Information Graphic this year were artist Andrew Nixon and *Nevada Silver & Blue's* art director, Patrick McFarland '97 (journalism) who collaborated on the Fall 2010 cover, a cartoon map of campus. The judges wrote, "Absolutely stunning ... Can't imagine the time, effort and talent it took to create this."

The magazine also won two third-place awards: Best Illustrated Photo for Jeff Dow's cover shot for the Spring 2010 issue showing medical and nursing students learning side-by-side; and Best Profile/Interview for Stanley Paher's "What I've Done With My Life" feature in the Winter 2011 issue.

Last year, the magazine also won four



The award-winning Fall 2010 cover of *Nevada Silver & Blue* magazine was created by local artist Andrew Nixon and art director Patrick McFarland, '97 (journalism).

awards in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Awards of Excellence 2010 contest. CASE is a professional association serving educational institutions and the advancement professionals who work on their behalf. In the CASE contest, the magazine received a gold for its "Family Tree Challenge" department in the Alumni Relations Programs: Programming for Special Constituencies category, and three silvers for the magazine's Fall 2010 Campus Map Illustration: two in the Excellence in Design category and one in Individual Institutional Relations and Alumni Relations Publications.

—Melanie Robbins '06M.A.

## Deutschman contributes to conversation about Steve Jobs

Few reporters have learned to know Steve Jobs like veteran financial journalist and author Alan Deutschman, and following Jobs' death on Oct. 5, media besieged him with requests for information about the famously private visionary. Deutschman, the Reynolds Endowed Chair in Business Journalism, established himself as one of the nation's most knowledgeable reporters when he wrote *The Second Coming of Steve Jobs*, published in 2000, considered by many industry insiders to be the definitive biography of Jobs.

Deutschman was the first expert quoted by the *New York Times* in its lead front-

page story when Jobs resigned as Apple's chief executive officer in late August 2011.

When Jobs died, Deutschman was quoted in articles from several major news services—Bloomberg, Associated Press, *USA Today*/*Gannett*—that collectively appeared in thousands of publications worldwide. The *San Francisco Chronicle* and the *Atlantic Monthly* in their coverage also cited his writings about Jobs.



Alan Deutschman

—Zanny Marsh '09MJM





## Manzanita Lake

*Manzanita Lake, celebrating 100 years on the University of Nevada, Reno campus last November, has always been a center for campus life for students throughout the seasons, as seen in this 1979 photo of a student ice skating on the frozen lake. A Special Collections exhibit will run through February on the second floor of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center showcasing photos, a timeline of significant moments in the lake's history throughout the last 100 years, and commentaries that capture the many attributes of the lake.*

## New study sheds light on public education financing

Although education is the largest share of state and local government budgets, very little comprehensive information has been available on all 50 states related to state financing policies for public elementary and secondary education. A new study provides comprehensive information on public K-12 education finance systems in each state, presented in themes such as funding for special student populations, accountability and equity issues.

Deborah Verstegen, professor of education finance, policy and leadership in the College of Education, authored an article, "Public Education Finance Systems in the United States and



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*Deborah Verstegen, professor of education finance, policy and leadership, is an expert in equal education opportunity. She developed an education equity statistic, later used and named by scholars, the "Verstegen Index."*

Funding Policies for Populations with Special Educational Needs," presenting results and analysis of her research, which was published in the 2011 edition of Education Policy Analysis Archives.

Earlier this year, Pearson, Inc. published a book that included the survey data, *Financing Education in a Climate of Change*, co-authored by Verstegen, Vern Brimley Jr. and Rulon R. Garfield.

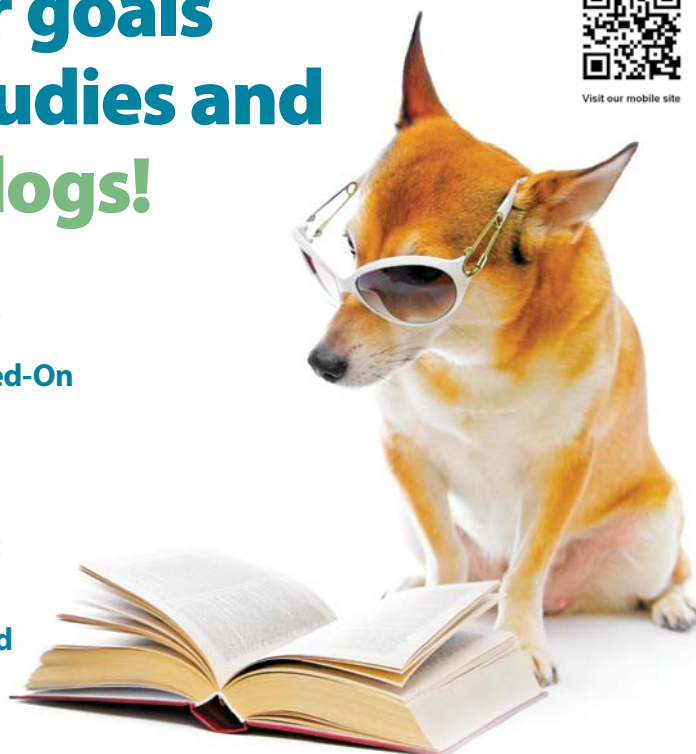
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Recently the Early Head Start 2- and 3-year-old classroom of eight children took a walk to the football field with one of the two lead teachers, Patti Zuniga '10 (human development and family studies). The children had a great time and were excited to be a part of University life.

## Early Head Start Program rated top 10 in U.S.

In its 12 short years of existence, not only has the Early Head Start Program at the University gone from serving 64 infants and toddlers each year to serving 180, it has also risen to be one of the top programs in the country.

Out of 1,591 Head Start and Early Head Start programs nationwide, the Office of Head Start in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families has named the University of Nevada, Reno Early Head Start Program one of this year's 10 "Centers of Excellence."

Early Head Start is a comprehensive child

development program serving low-income pregnant women and families with children from birth to age 3.

Former Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons '67 (geology), '73M.S. (geology) nominated the University's program, which was chosen for its exemplary services, positive outcomes and collaboration to deliver comprehensive services.

"We work closely with our families and other organizations to first make sure that the children are healthy and getting any additional assistance they may need," said Sherry Waugh '84 (home economics education), '89 (home

economics), director of the College of Education's Child and Family Research Center, of which the program is a part. "Children who are hungry or sick are not going to be in a state to learn and develop appropriately."

Waugh and the program's coordinator, Jane Hogue, have collaborated with other organizations to bring the program to some of the most underserved in the community. The program is offered at several northern Nevada locations, including Nevada Early Intervention Services, Reno Housing Authority complexes and the University's Nelson Building in downtown Reno; at Wooster, Hug and Washoe High Schools; and to children and pregnant women in their homes.

—Claudene Wharton '86, '99M.A.



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## Marching band welcomes new director, new goals

The atmosphere of any University of Nevada, Reno athletic event has been illuminated with the sounds of Wolf Pack school spirit since 1981, when the "Pride of the Sierra," the University of Nevada Wolf Pack Marching Band, was established. Three years after the 2008 budget-cut threat of program elimination, the Wolf Pack Marching Band has a new director and reinvigorated mission. Director of Athletic Bands William Plenk has many goals,

but at the top of his list is a bigger and louder marching band that will bring the community and the campus together as one.

"We want to sound great, look great, and become a fixture in the community at large," Plenk said.

Plenk received his bachelor's degree in tuba performance at Ithaca College in New York and received his master's degree in tuba performance and doctorate in wind conducting at UCLA. He served five years as the teaching assistant with the UCLA marching band.

—Nonie Wainwright '10, '11M.A.



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Will Plenk

## Alan Stavitsky named dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism

Alan Stavitsky, senior associate dean and founding director of the George S. Turnbull Portland Center, the downtown Portland base of the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication, has been named dean of the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism and will begin April 1.

Stavitsky worked in television and radio as a news director, news anchor, investigative reporter, talk-show host and producer. He joined the Oregon School of Journalism and Communication as assistant professor in 1990. He was named professor in 2004 and,

two years later, was appointed senior associate dean and founding director of the Turnbull Center.

"Al brings a strong mix of both industry and academic experience," said Heather Hardy, University provost. "His success in developing the Turnbull Center is particularly impressive, and demonstrates vision, creativity and entrepreneurialism, all qualities that will serve the Reynolds School and the University well."

Stavitsky's scholarship on media policy and



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Alan Stavitsky

the digital transition in journalism has been published in numerous academic journals, and Stavitsky is the author of *Independence and Integrity: A Guidebook for Public Radio Journalism* and co-author of *A History of Public Broadcasting*. Stavitsky has served as a consultant to local, national and international public broadcasting organizations on issues of media ethics and programming, and has advised the Corporation for Public Broadcasting on policies to preserve editorial independence in public media.

Stavitsky earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and a master's in journalism and a doctorate in communication from The Ohio State University.

—Jane Tors '82

## Kate Berry named director of Core Curriculum

Kate Berry, associate professor of geography, has been named director of the Core Curriculum, a newly redesigned, part-time position. Berry's 18-year service at Nevada gives her the background necessary to work with faculty to develop and evaluate these required, foundational courses.

Berry received her bachelor's degree in forestry and natural resources from Northern Arizona University, a master's degree in watershed management from Colorado State University, and a doctorate degree in geography from University of Colorado, Boulder. She has been teaching at the University since 1993 and has considerable experience in teaching core classes, as well as diversity and capstone courses.

In her position as Core Curriculum director, Berry will advise University administration on matters regarding the academic core curriculum, work with the General Education Task Force throughout the year and continue to teach in the Department of Geography.

—Misha Ray, Class of 2012



Photo courtesy Kate Berry

Kate Berry

## University welcomes new choral conductor

The Department of Music welcomed esteemed choral conductor and educator Paul Torkelson to the University last fall. Torkelson now serves as the director of choral activities, conducts the symphonic choir and chamber chorale, and teaches choral methods and conducting.

Torkelson earned his bachelor of music education degree from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, where he sang in the Wartburg Choir, a group he later conducted for 25 years. He holds a master of music degree from Kansas State University and a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Colorado.

He is recently retired from his position as Zahn Chair of Choral Music at Wartburg College, where he taught music history, advanced conducting and was a member of the Scholars Program faculty.

A former principal conductor-in-residence for MidAmerica Productions in New York City, Torkelson has conducted numerous choir performances at Carnegie Hall. In 2007, he was invited to conduct at the Heritage of Gold Festival in New York City along with 10 other festivals around the Midwest, among other notable invitations.

—Nonie Wainwright '10, '11M.A.



Photo courtesy Paul Torkelson

Paul Torkelson



*Wolf Pack student-athletes, coaches and staff perform more than 2,500 hours of community service each year.*

officer at the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. "This campaign is about getting groups and individuals to do community service in the spirit of Jack, who set the standard for how to live your life and make your community better. We're hoping that this will become more than a pay-it-forward campaign and will plant the seed of a sense of community and giving in individuals for years to come."

Nevada Athletics will also establish annual "Give Back Like Jack" awards, which will honor the student-athlete and staff member who most exemplify the dedication to community service that was the hallmark of Reviglio's life. The inaugural "Give Back Like Jack" awards will be given out this spring.

Nevada Director of Athletics Cary Groth said: "As college student-athletes, coaches and staff, we are truly privileged to participate in intercollegiate athletics, and we all believe that it is important to give back to the community that supports us so much. Jack Reviglio, Western Nevada Supply and the Reviglio family have been so generous to Nevada Athletics and other community organizations. It is the greatest tribute we can pay to Jack and his legacy by dedicating our community service efforts to him and helping to inspire others in the community to do the same."

Reviglio was a co-founder of Western Nevada Supply, the largest single-location plumbing supply distributor on the West Coast, providing plumbing, heating, air conditioning, waterworks and irrigation materials.

## Wolf Pack Athletics to "Give Back Like Jack"

Nevada student-athletes, coaches and staff spend more than 2,500 hours volunteering in the community every year, and the Wolf Pack's community service now has a name: "Give Back Like Jack."

In partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, Nevada Athletics will participate in the "Give Back Like Jack" campaign this spring and

dedicate its community service efforts to the memory of the late Jack Reviglio, a longtime philanthropist in Reno and Sparks, and the 1982 Honorary Alumnus of the Year, an honor bestowed by the Nevada Alumni Association for his exemplary service to the University of Nevada, Reno. Reviglio also received the 2011 University Service

Award from the Alumni Association.

Led by organizations that have been shaped by their relationships with the Reviglio family over the years, the "Give Back Like Jack" campaign seeks to inspire groups and individuals in northern Nevada to do good in the community in the spirit of Reviglio, who dedicated his life to philanthropy and community service.

It will feature campaign-style buttons and signs, as well as social media promotion and a website, [www.GiveBackLikeJack.org](http://www.GiveBackLikeJack.org), to inspire people and allow them to share their stories of doing good.

The celebration will culminate in March with Jack Reviglio Day, a "Give Back Like Jack"-inspired day of service by volunteers and a celebration event at the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows.

"Jack was so unique in his selflessness and giving," said Mike Wurm, chief professional

*Pack Track stories by Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for communications*





Photo by John Byrne

## Nevada partners with Nike N7 for Native American Heritage Celebration

The University of Nevada continued its partnership with Nike N7 and celebrated Native American Heritage Month this year.

The Wolf Pack joined with Nike N7 for the second year in a row to help raise awareness about the Nike N7 program, which has provided more than \$1 million in grants to Native American and Aboriginal grassroots sport and fitness programs for youth. The Wolf Pack also joined with Nike N7 to show support to Native American communities in northern Nevada.

Nike N7 is Nike's commitment to bring sports and physical activity programs to youth in Native American and Aboriginal communities in North America through the N7 Fund, collection and program.

The Wolf Pack volleyball, men's and women's basketball and football student-

athletes, band and cheerleaders wore T-shirts and accessories such as shoelaces, pom poms, buttons and wristbands in turquoise—the color of friendship—during N7 events, while the coaches wore Nike N7 shoes and the Wolf Pack women's basketball team sported turquoise N7 Air Max Destiny basketball shoes. The games also featured Native American national anthem singers and color guards, as well as traditional dances performed by representatives from local-area reservations.

The University of Nevada officially announced this year's partnership with Nike N7 on Nov. 7 with a press conference at the Nike Factory Store located at the Legends at Sparks Marina. That store is one of the retail outlets that carries the Nike N7 Collection and features former Wolf Pack star Tahnee

*Young Wolf Pack fans enjoy Nevada's celebration of Native American Heritage Month at a volleyball game this year.*

Robinson '11 in its displays. Robinson, who is enrolled with the Northern Cheyenne Tribe in Montana and is Eastern Shoshone, Pawnee and Sioux as well, is now serving as an athlete ambassador for Nike N7 and is playing professional basketball in Israel.

"It's an honor for Nike N7 to partner with the University of Nevada for its celebration of Native American Heritage Month," said Sam McCracken, general manager of Nike N7. "N7 exists to help improve the health and wellness of Native communities by bringing access to sport and physical activity to all of its people, with a focus on youth. Our now second annual partnership with Nevada for Native American Heritage Month is a tradition we are proud to continue, and we are excited to see the University expand its effort beyond the women's basketball team to this year include football, volleyball and men's basketball."

For more information about Nike N7, visit [www.niken7.com](http://www.niken7.com).

## Wolf Pack student-athletes tackle goal of 'One Hunger-Free Community, One Pack'

Wolf Pack student-athletes have decided to partner with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada this year and will be tackling the goal of creating "One Hunger-Free Community, One Pack."

Nevada's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, a leadership group made up of representatives from each of the Wolf Pack's sports, has chosen child hunger issues as its main charitable focus for the 2011-12 school year.

Student-athletes will be participating in volunteer activities with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada throughout the year and started with a "Pack the Pack" Pay-it-Forward Party to put together snack packs for the Backpack Kids program in September. Other planned activities include volunteer nights at the food bank and other events, challenges and food drives at home games.

One in five children in Nevada lives in a

home where there is not enough food for three meals per day. The Food Bank of Northern Nevada is a regional food distribution and support system serving more than 125 partner agencies in northern Nevada and the eastern Sierra. Among clients who visit emergency food program sites, children are the most vulnerable to hunger: 46 percent of emergency food recipients are children under the age of 18. Last year the Food Bank of Northern Nevada provided more than four million meals to low-income seniors, children and families.

"The student-athletes were astounded to find out the statistics about children going hungry in the state of Nevada. This was eye-opening, and we all believed that this cause was one we wanted to become involved with," said Alexa Anderson, a Wolf Pack track and field student-athlete and president of Nevada's SAAC. "We are trying to develop a strong



Photo by John Byrne

*The Wolf Pack is partnering with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada this year.*

partnership between the food bank and Wolf Pack Athletics so that we can increase awareness and hopefully get more people involved with this cause. Everyone has been hit hard by the economy, but children have no say in the matter. If we can make a difference in the lives of these children, every effort will have been worthwhile."

For more information about the Wolf Pack or the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, visit [www.NevadaWolfPack.com](http://www.NevadaWolfPack.com) or [www.fbnn.org](http://www.fbnn.org).

## Athletics' Graduation Success Rate reaches all-time high

The University of Nevada's Graduation Success Rate for student-athletes has reached its all-time high for the seventh year in a row.

Wolf Pack student-athletes have posted an overall Graduation Success Rate of 78 percent, the highest mark in school history and up from its previous best mark of 75 percent in 2010. Nevada's success rate has improved in each of the last seven years and has climbed nearly 24 percent in the time the NCAA has released the data. The Wolf Pack's graduation rate has increased from 63 percent in 2005 to its all-time high of 78 percent this year.

The federal graduation rate for Nevada's student-athletes, which doesn't count transfer students, is 66 percent this year. That number has skyrocketed from 47 percent in 2007.

"We are excited that our Graduation Success Rate continues to climb and is now at the highest rate it has ever been," Nevada Director of Athletics Cary Groth said.

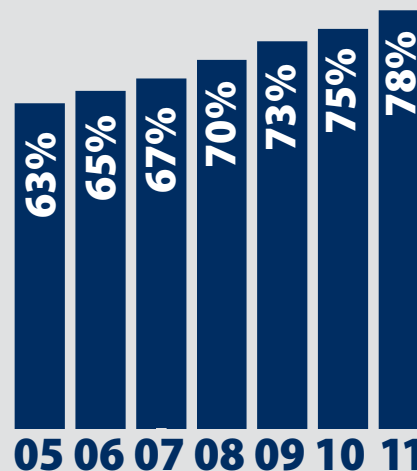
"Reaching that milestone and seeing our rate improve each of the last seven years is a credit to the commitment and hard work of all of our student-athletes. We also send out our appreciation to all of the academic staff, coaches and the University community for their help in providing our student-athletes the academic support and resources they need to complete their collegiate careers."

The Graduation Success Rate was developed by the NCAA as part of its academic reform initiative to more accurately assess the academic success of student-athletes. Unlike the federal graduation rate, the NCAA's success rate holds institutions accountable for transfer student-athletes, includes mid-year enrollees, and is calculated for every sport. This year's mark is based on student-athletes who began full-time enrollment at any school in the fall of 2004 and received athletic aid in their first year of college.

"Just as we cheer on our Wolf Pack teams on the field or on the court, we are also

pleased to celebrate their academic success," said Marc Johnson, University president.

"The continued improvement in the Graduation Success Rate demonstrates our commitment to help set our student-athletes on a path for success in life."







*Football student-athlete Zach Madonick receives his silver and blue cords for graduation from Faculty Athletics Representative Jean Perry.*

rifle, men's tennis, softball and women's basketball teams had one graduate each.

"Congratulations to all of our student-athletes who graduated this winter," said Nevada Director of Athletics Cary Groth. "We wish them all the best as they leave the University of Nevada and head out into the world with their college degrees."

Every year since 2006, graduating Nevada student-athletes are given a special silver and blue cord to wear at the commencement ceremonies in recognition of their efforts as student-athletes. Wolf Pack student-athletes are the only University students allowed to wear silver and blue cords.

Including this winter's 50 graduates, Nevada has seen 416 of its student-athletes graduate in the past seven years.

Photo by John Byrne

## Fifty Wolf Pack student-athletes graduate this winter

Fifty Wolf Pack student-athletes representing 13 teams graduated during the University of Nevada's 2011 Winter Commencement, which was held Dec. 10 at Lawlor Events Center.

The Wolf Pack football team was represented by 20 student-athletes, while Nevada's

women's track and field team has seven graduates. Five women's soccer student-athletes graduated, while the volleyball team featured four and the ski team three. The Wolf Pack baseball, men's golf and women's swimming and diving squads were each represented by two graduates, and Nevada's women's golf,

## Nevada honors classroom achievement at Academic Excellence Brunch

Nevada Athletics and Academics took time to honor the academic achievements of its student-athletes this winter at its Academic Excellence and Scholarship Banquet. The fifth annual event was held at the Joe Crowley Student Union and was sponsored by Drs. Rita '72 (business education), '76M.A. (education) and Harry Huneycutt.

Nevada presented the Dr. Exline Academic Effort Award to Nicole Williams, a women's basketball and track and field student-athlete majoring in human development and family studies, and Lampford Mark, a football student-athlete majoring in general studies. Named for the late Chris Exline, Nevada's longtime Faculty Athletics Representative, the Award is given to a male and female student-athlete who has significantly improved his/her academic standing through consistent dedication to achieving

classroom requirements while continuing to maintain superior athletic performance.

Also honored was the Wolf Pack rifle team, which received the Sport Team Award as the squad with the highest cumulative GPA (3.57) as well as 119 Wolf Pack Scholars who maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0-3.49 and 76 Silver and Blue Scholars who hold a cumulative GPA of 3.5-4.0. Nevada also honored the 100 student-athletes who earned Western Athletic Conference All-Academic honors during the 2010-11 academic year as well as student-athletes who were named scholar-athletes by coaching associations.

The afternoon ended with recognition for the donors and 69 student-athletes who are the recipients of Nevada's endowed scholarships as well as the presentation of the special silver and blue cords to all of the Wolf Pack's winter graduates.

## Third annual Blue Tie Ball set for Saturday, March 31

Tickets are on sale now for the third annual Blue Tie Ball, a University of Nevada Scholarship Gala benefiting Wolf Pack student-athletes. This year's event is set for Saturday, March 31 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino.

The evening raises money for student-athlete scholarships at the University of Nevada and promises a night of elegance, amazing food, wine and fun. Student-athletes attend—dressed to impress in formal attire—as they greet guests and escort them into the magnificently decorated Tuscany Ballroom.

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## Nevada Alumni Council

During the Annual Homecoming meeting on Oct. 14, the Nevada Alumni Council unanimously approved a new slate of officers as well as five new board members (*see photos below*). This year Jeff Pickett '89, will lead the 27-member advisory board for the Nevada Alumni Association as members help with student recruitment, membership initiatives, community outreach and chapter development.



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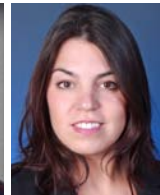
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## 4 Questions With

### Jeff Pickett '89 Nevada Alumni Council President

**When you started at Nevada, what career path did you intend to take and why? Is that what you are doing today?**

Since I was a kid, I knew I would always be in finance. Is it what I'm doing today? Yes and no. How's that for a crummy answer? My original ambition was to work in the financial markets, either as an analyst or fund manager. I also had a penchant for all things entrepreneurial. I got pretty disenchanted with the financial markets during my first semester and the stock market crash of 1987. I vividly remember sitting on the couch in my apartment reading the headlines and thinking I wouldn't have the stomach for this in the real world. I ended up using my finance background as an entry point for startup ventures, the most successful has been being with The DuPuis Group for the past 18 years.

**What is one of your most memorable moments on campus as a student?**

I had a 7:30 a.m. calculus class, which I dreaded, mostly because of the 7:30 a.m. part. I literally would wake up at 7:10 a.m., roll out of bed, put on sweats, sweatshirt, baseball cap, get through class, and then go back to bed. One morning as I was leaving class this girl I had a crush on came up to me and said "I got you a ticket." "A ticket for what?" I said. "U2 at the Oakland Coliseum, you want to go with me and my friends?" So I went to the concert, I kissed her in cen-

ter field and Sandi and I have been married now for 19 years.

**What do you wish every Nevada graduate knew about their alma mater?**

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**As the 2012 Nevada Alumni Council President what do you hope to accomplish?**

I always look at things in context to their potential. Though we have cracked the Tier 1 ranking and improved over last year, I believe our greatest days as a University still lie ahead. Great universities have great alumni—we are that. And now we need to realize that in how all of us support the University through financial giving, advocacy, and keeping a connection to our University no matter where we call home. What do I hope to accomplish? I hope to inspire all of our alumni to help fulfill the promise and potential of our alma mater. Once Nevada. Always Nevada.



# Class Chat



Frank Way '64

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## '60s

**Valeria (Van Nepes) Snebold '61** (elementary education) marked her sixth year as a lung transplant recipient in December 2011.

**James Colgan '63** (premedical) received the Becker's ASC Review Award for being a top physician leader in the ambulatory surgery center industry. James is chairman of the board for Carson Ambulatory Surgery Center, founder of Physician's Managed Care and the medical director and board member of Physician Select Management. He is a board certified urologist and has practiced for more than 30 years in northern Nevada.

**Bruce Fetzer '63** (physical education) has retired from teaching after 34 years with Antelope Valley Union High School District in Lancaster, Calif. Bruce lives in Chandler, Ariz. and stays in touch with his son and three daughters. He has 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Bruce's pastimes include fishing, gardening and watching football.

**Frank Way '64** (physics), '68 (electrical engineering) is retired and living in Grass Valley, Calif. In 1990, Frank's company, The Grass Valley Group, was awarded the Emmy for engineering excellence. The Grass Valley Group is the world's leading manufacturer of video switching systems. Frank has enjoyed many engineering accomplishments throughout his career.

**Larry Hicks '65** (business administration) was selected as the 2011 recipient of the William Raggio Award, which honors a prosecutor who significantly improved the administration of justice in Nevada. Larry, a former Washoe County district attorney who was appointed to the U.S. District Court in 2001, is being recognized for his distinguished service as a prosecutor and judge, as well as for his commitment to justice for all people.

**Steven Brown '66** (political science) is taking the reins as president of the Reno Rodeo Foundation Board of Trustees for a two-year term. Steven is a vice president and financial adviser with RBC Wealth Management. He is a native Nevadan, director emeritus of the Reno Rodeo Association, past commissioner of Washoe County, past president of the Rotary Club of

Reno and the Prospectors' Club.

**James Gibbons '67** (geology), '73M.S. (geology) has joined International Enxco Ltd. as a member of the board of directors and senior advisor of corporate affairs. Jim is a former governor of Nevada.

**William Eber '69** (political science) has retired from Dolan Building Materials after 41 years of employment. Will served as the president of the company for 30 years. He now has more time to spend with his wife, Carey (Hirsch) Ebers '68 (sociology), and his children. Will enjoys golfing, boating and relaxing in Mexico.

## '70s

**Stanley Goodin '71** (marketing) is a member



## Lance Gotchy swims across Pyramid Lake at 70

Reno businessman and former Nevada ski team member Lance Gotchy '64 (management) is no novice long-distance swimmer: he's made the swim across Pyramid Lake a half dozen times. But on Aug. 20, it was the first time he'd made the swim as a septuagenarian. To celebrate his 70th birthday, Lance decided to swim across the lake—a feat most 20-somethings would find daunting. Starting one mile north of the pyramid, he crawled and backstroked for some six miles, ending up at the Pelican Point boat ramp five hours later. Brian Spiersch, Lance's safety and support person, who is also a long-distance swimmer, having swum across Pyramid lake himself a number of times, says, "I was duly impressed. For 70 years old, I don't think there's many people who could pull that off." He adds that he hopes to be like Lance when he turns 70.

—Melanie Robbins '06M.A.

## Wolfcubs



Summer (Jones) Bean '98 (physical education) and Jeffrey Bean '01 (civil engineering), '08MBA welcomed their son, Dawson Kenneth Bean, on June 30, 2011.



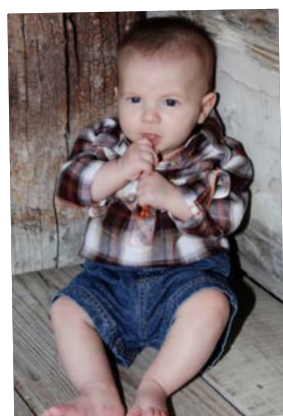
Heather (Willson) Eaton '02 (history) and William Eaton welcomed Mila Sofya Lev Eaton on August 26, 2010. She joins big sister, Peyton Arcena.



Matt Boroughf '99 (mechanical engineering) and his wife, Laura, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Colin Jack, born June 10, 2011.



Katie (Monson) Tramonte '04 (elementary education) and Vallery Tramonte '00 (health science), '04M.D. are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Solomon Fritz Tramonte. He was born Oct. 7, 2011 and was welcomed by his 1-year-old brother, Elijah.



Sandra Gerstner-McEwan '99 (marketing) and Michael McEwan '99 (accounting) celebrated the birth of their son, Mason, on May 28, 2011.



Alexis (Alexander) Erlach '06 (elementary education) and William Erlach '00 (anthropology) celebrated the birth of their daughter, Emi Elizabeth, on May 11, 2011.



Leontine (Gutierrez) Concha '00 (journalism) and Carlos Concha '05 (speech communications) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Mia Elle Concha. She was born on April 18, 2011.



Daniel Lattin '07 (civil engineering) and his wife, Patty, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella. She was born June 7, 2011 and joins her big brother, Kian.



Julie (Harris) Kelly '00 (speech pathology) and her husband, Gabe, welcomed their "first future Wolf Pack grad," daughter, Ilya Mae Kelly, on Sept. 14, 2011.



Adrian Bucher '08MBA and Micah Bucher '10 (political science) would like to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Ryan Bucher, July 19, 2011. Matthew joins big brother, Nathan.





Kenneth Jessup '77

of the Nautilus Group, which specializes in estate and business succession planning and investments. Stan has qualified as a member of New York Life's Chairman's Council and was also recognized earlier this year as the Reno General Office Agent of the Year. He is an accredited estate planner.

**Anita (Franklin) Wade '71** (elementary education) has retired from teaching art and elementary education in California, Germany and Virginia after 32 years of service.

**Morena Heser '73** (elementary education) is completing her 30th year of teaching in the state of Nevada. She is the proud grandmother of three.

**Jan (Sawyer) Chik '74** (English) is retired from teaching for the Pasadena Unified School Dis-

trict. She married Phillip Chik in August 2010. The couple recently enjoyed a trip through the Panama Canal and will be travelling to Italy in September.

**Timothy Janke '74** (mining engineering) has been appointed to the board of directors of Renaissance Gold, Inc. Tim has been the company's vice president and chief operating officer on a part-time basis from its inception.

**Richard Trachok '74** (plant science) has been named to the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents. Rick is a partner in the Jones Vargas law firm and has experience on a local school board and as an adjunct law professor. He is a graduate of California Western School of Law and holds a master of laws degree from Cambridge University, Sidney Sussex College.

**Kenneth Jessup '77** (elementary education) recently retired after 34 years of teaching in Nevada elementary schools. Ken taught for 10 years in Humboldt County and 24 years in Douglas County. Ken's mother, **Martha Jessup '70M.S.** (elementary education), is a retired teacher from Washoe County. Ken's father, Don Jessup, is a professor emeritus of the University of Nevada, Reno.

**Susan Desmond-Hellmann '78** (pre-medical), '82M.D. is the chancellor of the University of California, San Francisco. Susan is the first woman to lead the university. She came to UCSF after a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry.

**Thomas Burkhart '79** (geology) has been appointed to the board of directors of Interna-

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Lisa Milke '82

tional Northair Mines Ltd. Tom is currently the vice president of exploration for Argonaut Gold Inc. He has more than 30 years of exploration and project management experience.

## '80s

**Shaun Carey '81** (civil engineering) is the city manager of Sparks, Nev. In this position, Shaun oversees the day-to-day operations of the municipal government. He has been with the City of Sparks for 30 years, and his contract has been extended through 2013.

**Gayle (Gaynor) Crowell '81** (elementary education) and her daughter, Meghan, founded the Reno-based company ConservingNow in late 2009. The company created a small static-cling sticker for the driver-side window of a vehicle to remind shoppers to take their

reusable bags with them into a store. The ConservingNow.com website retails reusable bags and related items. Profits from the online sales finance classroom kits that include decorate-your-own reusable bags and other tools that help children learn about environmentally responsible living.

**William Chisel '82** (accounting) has been named director of the Nevada Department of Taxation. Prior to this position, William served as chief of the Division of Internal Audits and as a senior auditor at the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

**Susan (Stern) Fernhoff '82** (accounting) and her daughter, **Lori Hyne '08** (speech communications), have become a real estate team at Keller Williams Group One Reno.

**Thomas Knoch '82** (mining engineering), '86 (geological engineering) is a registered geologist, certified engineering geologist, certified hydrogeologist and registered environmental assessor. As the principal of GeoSolutions, Tom is currently supervising and providing engineering support for the planned expansion of the Ruby Mine tailings area at the Ruby Gold Project in Sierra County, Calif.

**Lisa Milke '82** (accounting) has joined Tri-Valley Bank as the chief financial officer. Lisa brings more than 30 years of banking and finance experience to her position. Before joining Tri-Valley Bank, she served as the executive vice president and chief financial officer for First Independent Bank of Nevada, vice president and controller for Comstock Bank, and as vice president and finance manager of First

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Timothy Krump '83



Robert Devereux '89



Kimberly (Tischler) Ciesynski '91

National/First Interstate Bank.

**Timothy Krump '83** (managerial sciences) is the co-founder of KL Management Group, Inc. The company provides construction management services for all stages of a project. Tim has more than 30 years of construction experience, holding positions ranging from project manager and business development director to market sector leader and construction company owner.

**Timothy Hackett '84** (zoology) was recently promoted to professor of emergency and critical care medicine at Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. In September 2011, Tim began a two-year term as president of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.

Tim received his doctorate of veterinary medicine degree from Colorado State University.

**Todd Ferguson '85** (accounting) has been named president and chief executive officer of the certified public accounting firm, Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. Todd has worked for the company for more than 25 years and is a shareholder in the firm's Reno office. He holds a master's degree in taxation from Golden Gate University.

**Judy Cornelius '87** (economics) has retired after 25 years of service to the University of Nevada, Reno. Judy was the associate director of the Institute for the Study of Gambling in the College of Business.

**Robert Devereux '89** (journalism) was

recently named the Western states media relations manager for State Farm Insurance. Bob has been with State Farm for more than 13 years and resides in Rocklin, Calif., with his wife, Holli, son, Alex, 17, and daughter Katie, 14. Alex will be the third generation from the Devereux family to attend the University of Nevada, Reno when he begins his freshman year in fall 2012. Bob's parent's, **Bill Devereux '59** (journalism) and **Mary (Reckers) Devereux '58** (home economics), both graduated from Nevada.

## '90s

**Kimberly (Tischler) Ciesynski '91** (interior design) is a registered interior designer. She is the founder and principal of Spaces Design & Planning in Reno. Kim has been elected president of the National Council for Interior



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

## Kickin' it with K-von | TechNo-Manners

Technology is supposed to improve our lives, yet there are those who have been discreetly using it to annoy us. They may live in your neighborhood, in your home, or worse yet, it just might be you! The following is a profile of some of the more popular abusers of everyday technology:

**"GPS Guy":** Garmin's were invented to help us get around in traffic. But it doesn't work when this guy is typing as he's driving. Easily recognizable, he is hunched over his steering wheel, punching in an address, and swerving at a top speed of 15 miles per hour. All the while merging onto the freeway. Avoid this guy at all costs.

**"The nit-Twit":** She uses technology to update you on her life. Through Facebook and Twitter she can't wait to post her personal thoughts for the whole world: what she ate for lunch, a quote she wants to pass off as her own, where she plans on shopping tomorrow. The possibilities are endless. If you're a politician, celebrity, or person of interest, then there is a slight possibility that some people may care about this stuff, but for the average person to share their life in such detail overloads us all with worthless information and keeps us from filling our brains with important things. But as soon as you start to worry about that you quickly get another update ... ding: "Just went to the bathroom."

**"The iPad":** Every two minutes it's, "Oh, you just have to get an iPad". He whips it out in front of everyone at dinners, weddings, even funerals. During a conversation he nods and pretends to listen to what you're saying while finger swiping away. He

feels the need to detail you on every app he's ever downloaded. Worst of all, he convinces your children to pester you into buying them an iPad because it's truly an educational device (even though it will only be used to play "Angry Birds").

**"Phonies":** Forget the cell, there are still people that don't know how to use a regular phone. "Hey police, how about a citation for the guy who politely yells into the phone at the top of his lungs?" And why is it the loud guy always seems to have unlimited minutes? Here's a quick tutorial of how a phone works for those that can't get a handle on it. The part you talk into has a MICROPHONE. And the person on the other end of the phone is listening through a SPEAKER. Therefore, not only can you talk at a normal volume, you may even want to try toning it down a bit since their ear is right there. If you know someone like this, leave this article nearby so it casually finds its way into his or her hands.

PLEASE NOTE: If this was lying out for you to read, you are most likely "at-risk" for one of the above behaviors.

*K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and comedian. Catch K-von headlining on campus at the Joe Crowley Student Union Feb. 4. Visit [www.Kvon.tv](http://www.Kvon.tv) or [www.facebook.com/KvonComedy](http://www.facebook.com/KvonComedy) for info.*



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BACK ROW: Stewart Cheifet, Shane Hartley, Sandra Week, Edward Kolodziej, Fred De Rafols, Shannon Swim, Roger Walker, Dean Burkin and Margaret Ferrara. FRONT ROW: Cristen Drummond, Stephanie Kover, Michelle Bowman, Daniel Cook, Erika Allred and Kristin Charles.

## Senior Scholars

The University of Nevada, Reno and the Nevada Alumni Association were proud to recognize graduates with one of the most prestigious awards at the University of Nevada—the Senior Scholar distinction—on Dec. 8. The top graduating student and his or her faculty mentor from each college were honored at an awards ceremony in the Joe Crowley Student Union.

*College of Science*

**Erika Allred - GPA 3.99**  
Mentor: Dean Burkin

*College of Education*

**Kristin Charles - GPA 3.872**  
Mentor: Margaret Ferrara

*College of Engineering*

**Stephanie Kover - GPA 3.986**  
Mentor: Edward Kolodziej

*Division of Health Sciences  
College of Liberal Arts*

**Michelle Bowman - GPA 3.988**  
Mentor: Daniel Cook  
Mentor: Fred De Rafols

*Reynolds School of Journalism*

**Cristen Drummond - GPA 3.842**  
Mentor: Stewart Cheifet

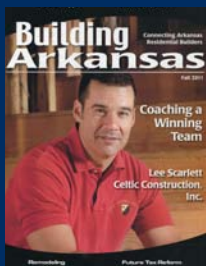
*College of Agriculture, Biotechnology  
and Natural Resources*

**Shannon Swim - GPA 3.936**  
Mentor: Roger Walker

*College of Business*

**Shane Hartley - GPA 3.992**  
Mentor: Sandra Week





Lee Scarlett '91



Kathleen (Teipner) Sandoval '92M.S.



Bryan Smith '98



Michael McEwan '99

Design Qualifications and is a board member of the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design.

**Lee Scarlett '91** (history) has been named the 2011 Builder of the Year by *Citiscapes* magazine. This is the second year in a row that Lee and his company, Celtic Construction, have received this honor. Lee was also named 2011 Top Ten Builder in Arkansas by *At Home* magazine and 2011 Overall Winner in the *Parade of Homes*. Lee has been a custom home builder in northwest Arkansas for the past 17 years.

**Wade Gochnour '92** (accounting) is a partner with the law firm Howard & Howard. Wade and his wife, **Lorraine (Gingras) Gochnour '89** (criminal justice), have twin

boys who are 4 years old.

**Kathleen (Teipner) Sandoval '92M.S.** (speech pathology) was selected to attend the American Express Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. The Academy will focus on improving education outcomes for children and youth. Kathleen is the family youth intervention program director at the Children's Cabinet in Reno.

**Frank Hanagarne '94MBA** was recently named the chief financial officer and senior vice president of Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation. Frank brings 29 years of industry experience in the areas of finance, operations and business development to this position.

**Janet Kessler '95Ph.D.** (chemistry) recently passed her 15th year of survival from brain cancer. Janet lives in Reno and married Wilma Jones in 2003.

**Karol Walchak '95Ph.D.** (English) is currently the moderator for The Knowledge Bowl, a quiz show for high school students. Karol teaches communication courses, English and French at Alpena Community College in Alpena, Mich. She has served as the chair for English, Fine Arts and Humanities and as the adviser to the local chapter of the international honor society at the school.

**Anthony Illia '96M.A.** (English) received the 2010 American Society of Civil Engineers Excellence in Journalism Award (Honorable



## December Commencement graduates more than 1,500

More than 1,500 degree candidates gathered for the University of Nevada, Reno's Winter Commencement Sat., Dec. 10 at Lawlor Events Center. A total of 1,101 bachelor's degrees and 446 advanced degrees or certificates (master's and doctoral degrees and education specialist certificates) were awarded. By comparison, the University awarded 1,549 degrees at the December 2010 ceremony. Including spring 2011 graduation numbers, the University graduated more than 3,500 students in 2011.



TOP: Lei Shi, Serrabhi Chaudhri and Mari Wada.  
BOTTOM: Lum-Ngwegia Ngwa Nforbi and Sama Edmund.

Photos by Theresa Danna-Douglas



Roger Bergmann '70MBA married Nina Pucillo July 1, 2011 in Capri, Italy. Standing up for the couple were Senator William Raggio '48 (political science), '11HDG and Priscilla Heublein, Nina's mother. Roger is the president of the AAUN Endowment Fund, Inc., which supports University of Nevada Athletics.



Ben Furtado '99 (art) and Candace Wagner were married Sept. 17, 2011 in Napa, Calif.



Jamie Anthony '06 (health ecology) and Jennifer Spann '05 (nutrition) were married Sept. 25, 2010 in Las Vegas. They recently moved to Sacramento. Jamie is a practice manager for the University of California, Davis and Jennifer is the manager of external talent acquisition for Randstad Work Solutions.



Heather Crawford '06 (elementary education), '09M.Ed. (educational specialties) and Chris Ferre '08 (management) were married July 30, 2011. Heather is pursuing her Ph.D. and Chris his MBA at Nevada. Heather works as a graduate assistant for the College of Education. Chris is a licensed banker at Wells Fargo. The wedding party included seven Nevada alumni!

Mention) for his series of articles on the Hoover Dam Bridge that ran in the *Boulder City Review* in October 2010. The 20-year old award is given to a journalist for outstanding coverage that enhanced the public understanding of the role and impact of civil engineering in designing solutions for transportation, the environment, and other public works projects.

**N Stephen Lincoln '96** (geography) has been a GIS specialist for the California Bureau of Land Management for the past three years. Stephen specializes in renewable energy projects.

**Bryan Smith '98** (English) was recently named the deputy editor of *Global Pulp* by RISI, the commodities division of United Business Media. Based at RISI's San Francisco bureau, Bryan covers North American and export pulp markets, mergers, acquisitions, and corporate strategy. He leads a global team of reporters in Asia, Europe and South America.

**Douglas Carlton '99M.S.** (mechanical engineering) has been promoted to vice president of standards at Click Bond Inc., maker of aerospace components. He has worked for the company since 1992.

**Ben Furtado '99** (art) opened his own photo studio earlier this year. Ben specializes in wedding, portrait and commercial photography.

Additionally, Ben is the photo editor for the *Auburn Journal* newspaper.

**Michael McEwan '99** (accounting) is the assistant general manager for Winstar World Casino. Winstar is the third largest casino in the world and is located on the border of Oklahoma and Texas.

**N Coby Rowe '99** (general studies) is the managing director at Glacier Outdoor. For 30 years, the Reno-based company has been making premium gloves and gear for fishing, hunting, kayaking and sun protection.

## '00s

**Jennifer (Hibb) Barrett '00** (health science) and **Dereck Barrett '01** (political science) are excited to announce the opening of their new physical therapy clinic, Galena Sport Physical Therapy, in Reno. They return to Reno with their 2-year-old daughter, Siena, after living in Southern California for 10 years.

**Kathleen Camino '00M.A.** (foreign language and literature) received a lifetime contribution award at the North American Basque Organization's national festival in July 2011. Kate is an administrative assistant at the University of Nevada, Reno Center for Basque Studies and is a recognized figure and ambassador within the local community and well beyond.

**Stacey (Essenfeld) Stahl '01MSW** was promoted by Northern Nevada Medical Center to the position of geropsychiatric intake and social services coordinator for the Senior Bridges Inpatient Program. In her new position, Stacey will organize all aspects of the geropsychiatric inpatient admission process, along with providing social work and case management services for patients.

**Reka Danko '03** (speech pathology), '08M.D. recently joined Northern Nevada Medical Group as a hospitalist. A hospitalist is a fully licensed medical doctor whose primary goal is to provide a higher level of one-on-one care to patients during their treatment in a hospital setting.

**Catherine (Prudhomme) Fuller '03** (nursing) is a nursing instructor at Western Nevada College in Carson City. Catherine teaches maternal and newborn courses and co-teaches the pediatrics lab. She also works part-time as a certified childbirth educator and "happiest baby on the block" instructor.

**N Romeo Lazzarone '03** (marketing) has been named a member of the 2011 executive council of New York Life Insurance Company. Members of the Executive Council are among the most successful of New York Life's elite sales force of 11,900 licensed agents. Ro has





Kathleen Camino '00M.A.



Stacey (Essenfeld) Stahl '01MSW



Reka Danko '03, '08M.D.



Sean Murphy '04



Kevin Olson '04



Robert Gaedtke '05

been a New York Life agent since 2003, and is associated with New York Life's Reno office.

**Catherine Leon '04** (English, Spanish) has accepted the position of grants manager at Bristlecone Family Resources. Catherine will oversee development efforts through grant writing and major gift cultivation. Bristlecone is northern Nevada's oldest and largest non-profit addiction recovery facility.

**Jessica Miller '04** (history) has accepted the position of public relations and special events manager at Bristlecone Family Resources. Jessica will be responsible for fundraising through special events, as well as facilitating all public relations and marketing efforts.

**Sean Murphy '04** (information systems) is

now the vice president of the Multiple Listing Service of the Tucson Association of Realtors. Sean has worked for the Northern Nevada Regional MLS for the last seven years in the capacities of technical support representative, information technology director and as the president of technology.

**Kevin Olson '04** (English) is the owner of Carson City Pediatric Dentistry. Kevin graduated from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Dental School and served his residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Kevin and his wife, **Teah Olson '04** (nursing), have two sons and a daughter.

**Robert Gaedtke '05** (journalism) is a partner and the vice president of creative services at KPS3 Marketing in Reno. Rob is a 2011 recipi-

ent of the *Reno Gazette-Journal's* Twenty Under 40 award. He has received numerous Addys, several design awards and a Webby.

**Georgeann (Balchunas) Pizzi '05** (marketing) has been named Ad Executive of the Year by the *Las Vegas Business Press*. For the past two years, Georgeanne has worked for MassMedia. She is currently an account manager.

**Yan Yang '05M.A.** (journalism) received her Ph.D. in mass communications from the University of Florida in May 2011. Yan has been teaching as a tenure-track assistant professor in the School of Communication at High Point University in High Point, N.C. since August 2010.

**Marcus Liem '06** (speech communications) has joined the New York City Department of Health

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Marcus Liem '06



Scott Carey '07



William Sites '10M.A.



Danielle Longley '11

and Mental Hygiene as a public affairs liaison. Marcus' primary focus will be 9/11 health issues and the World Trade Center Health Registry. He is a graduate student at New York University pursuing a master's in public relations and corporate communications.

**Scott Carey '07** (geography) wrote the Pyramid Lake Economic Development Plan, which has been awarded the Outstanding Plan Award by the Nevada Chapter of the American Planning Association. Scott has served as the tribal planner for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe since 2009 and oversees both the Economic Development and Planning Departments of the Tribe.

**Brian Duggan '08** (journalism) is the city hall reporter for the *Reno Gazette-Journal*. Brian lives in Carson City with his fiancé.

**Francis Ward '08** (mechanical engineering) is pursuing a degree in intellectual property law at DePaul Law School in Chicago. Prior to this endeavor, Francis worked for Globe Turbo Chargers in Reno.

### '10s

**William Sites '10M.A.** (journalism) is the owner and editor of the *Sullivan Journal News* in Sullivan, Mo. Under Will's leadership, the paper recently signed an agreement to become the first Missouri weekly newspaper to hold active membership under the Associated Press Digital Delivery Project. The beta project was tested with the *Sullivan Journal* and is now offered to all weekly and online publications statewide.

**Lauren Smith '10** (geography) is currently serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Benin, West Africa. Lauren is the first volunteer to live

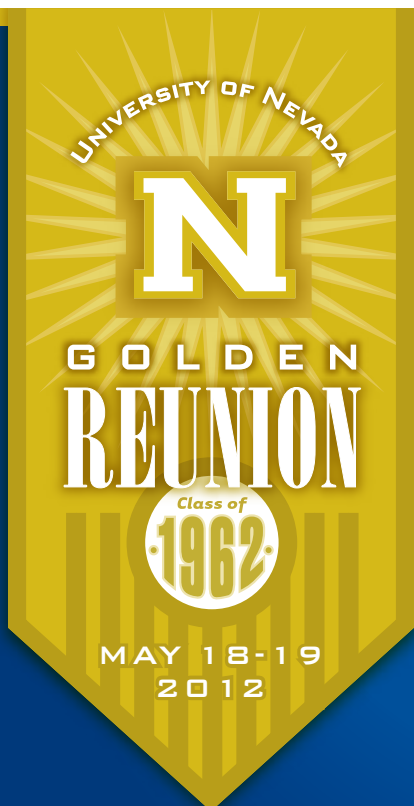
in the village of KPrèkètè and has been there since July 2010. Her service will be completed in September.

**Danielle Longley '11** (journalism and Spanish) recently joined The Glenn Group as an account coordinator in the agency's Reno office. As account coordinator, Danielle handles daily client activities, manages production timelines and monitors long-term client goals. Danielle graduated with honors from Nevada.

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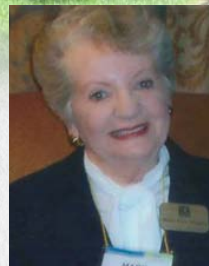
# Emeriti Notes



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Dear Nevada Silver & Blue readers,

*Alumni of our University have many fond memories of their time at Nevada. In particular, the positive impact and guiding influence faculty had on them—not only as students, but personally and professionally—are often treasured remembrances. We felt that our readers would enjoy hearing what emeriti faculty are doing now, and therefore, this is the debut of a new department, Emeriti Notes, which we hope you will enjoy.*

—John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations

**David Antonuccio**, professor emeritus of the department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, recently co-authored an article in the *International Journal of Clinical Medicine* entitled “A Patient Bill of Rights for Psychotropic Prescription: A Call for a Higher Standard of Care.”

**Curtiss Bailey**, professor emeritus of animal science, has enjoyed travel, professional commitments and country living during his retirement. In 1994, Curtiss was appointed editor of the Beef Improvement Federation publication on genetic improvement systems for the U.S. beef industry. More recently, he has been raising cattle and operates a family winery in the Sierra Foothills.

**Richard Davies**, professor emeritus of history, has published the second edition of his text book, *Sports in American Life: A History*. The book was released by Wiley-Blackwell Publishing Company in November 2011. This text has become the standard for courses in the social and cultural implications of sports in American popular culture.

**Catherine Fowler**, professor emerita of anthropology, has the distinction of being elected into two prestigious national academies—the American Academy of Arts and Science and the National Academy of Sciences. These achievements are among the highest honors that can be accorded a scientist.

**Joanna Frueh**, professor emerita of art, has traveled to south India to study Mantra and is working on books about glamour. Joanna enjoys yoga.

**Duane Garner**, professor emeritus of animal biotechnology, retired and moved to Fort Collins, Colo. to serve as vice president for research and development at XY, Inc. Duane and his wife, June, now live in Graeagle, Calif. He founded GametoBiology Consulting. He remains active worldwide as a biotechnology consultant, and he continues to review journal manuscripts, as well as publish his own review articles.

**David Hansen '85Ed.D.**, faculty member emeritus of student services, has served on a Miss America Judges Panel for six states, beginning his service in 1997. The Miss America Organization is one of the nation's leading achievement programs and the world's largest provider of scholarship assistance for young women.

**Jake Highton**, professor emeritus of journalism, recently published the article, *Cowardly Journalism Has Sold Out to Corporations and Government and Failed the American People*, in the *Reno News & Review* weekly newspaper.

**Willem “Wim” Houwink**, professor emeritus of economics, left Reno in 1983 and moved to China. Wim was one of the first professors teaching free market principles in China. In 2009, he returned to Reno and has been writing articles and giving guest lectures. Wim currently

lives in Walla Walla, Wash. and is researching the free market system's lack of social justice.

**Calton Lewis**, professor emeritus of family and community medicine, recalls many memorable teaching moments with past students in his Elko, Nev. office. Cal is retired now and believes his 20 years of teaching were the most enjoyable of his medical career.

**Mary (Finn) Maples**, professor emerita of counseling and educational psychology, is the CEO and a consultant for Transition Life Coaching in Reno. She was recently inducted into the St. Mary's Hall of Fame and is actively giving small and large group presentations. In her time off, Mary enjoys travelling.

**Rosalie Marinelli**, professor emerita of health ecology, retired from the University in 2004 and moved to Henderson, Nev. In February 2005, Rosalie joined the faculty of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Department of Health and Nutrition. She enjoys catching up with former students on Facebook.

**James McCormick**, professor emeritus of art, returned to campus to co-curate “Post-war Bohemians in Northern Nevada,” an exhibition that was in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center from June through September 2011. Jim, who retired in 1992, also co-authored the show catalog, which featured 16 Nevada-related artists who worked from 1945 until 1960.

**Steven Oberg**, professor emeritus of environmental science and health, retired in 2006. Steve and his wife, Bev, own and operate the Powell Butte Bison Ranch in central Oregon where they raise and sell all-natural bison meat (American buffalo), grass hay for horses and free range chicken eggs.

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## Chapter Updates



ABOVE: Wolf Pack Marching Band percussion section, together again. From L to R: Paden Freels (future band member), Janet Traut '98, Kevin Freels, Marie Sutherland and David Chain '98. TOP RIGHT: The Cheer & Dance Alumni Chapter celebrates Homecoming Oct. 15 with multiple generations of former Nevada cheerleaders, dancers, stunts and mascots. RIGHT: Center Alumni Chapter members Ricardo Salazar '11, Monika Mala '08 and Jen Lau '08, '10MSW mingle with Jon Lau, Steven Flores and Mark Dave Almacher, undergraduate members of Lambda Psi Rho Asian Interest Fraternity.



### Alumni Band

Kiara (Donohue) Wolf '92, '97M.Ed., [unrbandalum@hotmail.com](mailto:unrbandalum@hotmail.com)

The 2011 Alumni Band was a great success! Thirty band members, along with many "future band members," joined us on the field during the Homecoming football game. This year, we had first-time participants, returning members and brand new alumni. We had additional Alumni Band members join us for our Friday and Saturday night events, too. While it can take a while for the fingerings to come back into our hands and the notes seem smaller, the friendships return as if we have never been apart.

The Alumni Band is open to anyone who marched for at least one semester with the Wolf Pack Marching Band. In addition to our annual participation at homecoming, we have a monthly newsletter and fund the John Montgomery Memorial Scholarship. For more information, or to receive the newsletter, please contact Kiara Wolf, [unrbandalum@hotmail.com](mailto:unrbandalum@hotmail.com).

### Alumni College

Amy (Zurek) Carothers '01M.A., [acarothers@unr.edu](mailto:acarothers@unr.edu)

"The New Truckee Meadows" is the theme for Alumni College, June 12-14.

Reno Mayor Bob Cashell '76 and Sparks Mayor Geno Martini '72 will brief the group on preparations for the future of Reno and Sparks. The Regional Transportation Commission will present the

master plan for mass transportation, major arterials and streets. Tours of new University of Nevada facilities include the Earthquake Engineering Lab, Center for Molecular Medicine, Whittemore Petersen Institute and Pennington Health Sciences Building. You won't want to miss the tour of the 107,000-acre Tahoe Reno Industrial Center or lunch at the historic Mustang Ranch. An Ace's baseball game will also be on the agenda if the team is in town.

Estimated cost for all three days is \$250. A \$50 deposit has been requested to reserve your space by Jan. 31. If you did not receive a mailer and wish to attend, please contact Amy Carothers, (775) 784-6620 or [acarothers@unr.edu](mailto:acarothers@unr.edu).

### Center for Student Cultural Diversity Alumni Chapter

Ellen (Wofford) Houston '95, '05M.A., [thecenter@unr.edu](mailto:thecenter@unr.edu)

Members of the Center for Student Cultural Diversity Alumni Chapter shared their stories of success with current University students at the "Let Them Eat Cake" Dessert Reception Oct. 7. Alumni and students mingled, battled it out on Dance Central Kinect and enjoyed delicious treats and goodies. Attendees also geared up for the Pack's big win over the Rebels with a raffle for the latest in Nevada swag.

Our chapter is excited to announce that Tim Wise, antiracist essayist, author and educator, will speak on campus Feb. 29 in the

Joe Crowley Student Union. As our chapter is involved in planning the event, chapter members will have the opportunity to meet with Wise after his keynote address.

If you are interested in being involved in any of our chapter events, please contact Ellen Houston, (775) 784-4936 or [thecenter@unr.edu](mailto:thecenter@unr.edu).

### Cheer & Dance Alumni Chapter

Pamela (Andres) Rutherford '94, [alumninevada@yahoo.com](mailto:alumninevada@yahoo.com)

In September, the Nevada Alumni Council Executive Committee unanimously approved the reorganized Cheer & Dance Alumni Chapter. The chapter aims to bring together former University of Nevada cheerleaders, dancers, stunts and mascots.

Following a successful summertime social, which brought alumni from several states to attend, it was evident the chapter had a new boost of enthusiasm and enough renewed interest to attain active status. Since then, much has been accomplished, including the organization of several Homecoming events, where alumni represented several decades, including two lovely ladies who were Nevada cheerleaders in the early 1960s!

For chapter information, please visit our Facebook group page under the heading "University of Nevada Reno — Cheer, Dance, Stunt & Mascot Alumni." To become a chapter member, visit [www.unr.edu/alumni/chapters](http://www.unr.edu/alumni/chapters) and select our chapter.





TOP LEFT: Former Nevada cheerleaders Donna (Sanford) Lage '63, '88M.Ed. and Marilyn (Petersen) Paradis '63 sport their original team sweaters during the Cheer & Dance Alumni Chapter's Homecoming festivities Oct. 15. LEFT: Cody Wagner '08, Duane Kellogg '08, Nancy Kellogg and Melissa Hamilton, members of the Greek Alumni Chapter, prepare for the homecoming game Oct. 15 at the Wolf Den. TOP: Members of the Native American Alumni Chapter get into the holiday spirit during the Halloween Mystery Bus trip Oct. 21. MIDDLE: Todd and Nancy Kecklely (a.k.a. Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball) were proud costume contest winners during the Native American Alumni Chapter Mystery bus trip Oct. 21.

## College of Business Alumni Association

Melissa Molyneaux '06, [MMolyneaux@colliersreno.com](mailto:MMolyneaux@colliersreno.com)

The 21st Annual College of Business Alumni Association Golf Tournament will be held May 10 at Wolf Run Golf Course. Thank you to our alumni who made it to Homecoming. It was great seeing all of you. Watch for future updates on LinkedIn, Facebook and in the mail. For details about COBAA membership and our annual golf tournament, please contact Jane (Stewart) Bessette '86, '03M.S. alumni adviser, (775) 682-9144 or [bessette@unr.edu](mailto:bessette@unr.edu).

## Dental Alumni Chapter

David White, [davidmwhitedds@yahoo.com](mailto:davidmwhitedds@yahoo.com)

The University of Nevada Dental Alumni Chapter has recently created a Facebook group, so please join it and spread the word to other alumni. We are putting together a dinner event for spring, and details will be posted on this page. The Pre-Dental Society is hosting study clubs on campus once a month, which also count as free C.E. credits for new dentists. If you are interested, contact Dr. David M. White, [davidmwhitedds@yahoo.com](mailto:davidmwhitedds@yahoo.com).

## Greek Alumni Chapter

Mike McDowell '03, [mdmcdowell@gmail.com](mailto:mdmcdowell@gmail.com)

The Greek Alumni Chapter had a busy fall! First, we kicked things off with our fall social at everybody's favorite college staple — Pub 'N' Sub. We enjoyed an evening in the beer garden, socializing

and playing games. Homecoming was a treat for everyone. Our Homecoming pre-gamer at the Wolf Den welcomed friendly faces from multiple generations of Nevada fraternity men and sorority women. Plus, we watched the Pack win big.

Make sure to keep up with all the exciting things happening this winter and spring by following us on Facebook. And, as always, you can join the chapter for only \$20 per year. Well worth it.

## Native American Alumni Chapter

Sherry Rupert '05, [srupert@nic.nv.gov](mailto:srupert@nic.nv.gov)

The Native American Alumni Chapter had a busy fall! The chapter hosted tailgates Oct. 8 and 15 to cheer on the Pack. Attendees enjoyed food, drinks and socializing with great friends. Oct. 21 was our annual Halloween Mystery Bus Trip, which took us to Walley's Hot Springs Resort and Spa in Genoa, Nev. Food, music and costumes were plentiful. The mystery bus trip is the chapter's major fundraiser, providing two scholarships for American Indian students attending the University. Special thanks to Walley's for hosting our group.

Sheryl Hicks '92, NAAC alumna, was recently awarded the American Indian Youth Services/Role Model of the Year for the American Indian Achievement Awards, sponsored by the Nevada Indian Commission. Sheryl was honored Nov. 5 at the Governor's Mansion in Carson City.

If you're interested in joining the chapter, please contact Kari Emm '01, (775) 682-5928 or [kemm@unr.edu](mailto:kemm@unr.edu), or Sherry Rupert '05, (775) 687-8333 or [srupert@nic.nv.gov](mailto:srupert@nic.nv.gov).

## Nevada Football Alumni Chapter

Jim Farley '99, [jfarley47@verizon.net](mailto:jfarley47@verizon.net)

The Nevada Football Alumni Chapter recently concluded the inaugural Wolf Pack Football Mini Ironman Tournament at Sage Hill Clay Sports, to raise funds to allow Nevada Wolf Pack Players to take summer courses and achieve our goal of having the top graduation rate in the country! Several coaches joined the participants in a morning of shooting at (and mostly missing) the ol' clay birds!

Football alumni interested in renewing membership or just contacting old football teammates should visit our new social website at [www.nevadafalumnifootball.com](http://www.nevadafalumnifootball.com), our Facebook page ("Nevada Football Alumni") or contact Jim Farley, [jfarley47@verizon.net](mailto:jfarley47@verizon.net). Go Wolf Pack!

## Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88MBA, [lvcrrswrds@aol.com](mailto:lvcrrswrds@aol.com)

The OSNAA fall event, held at the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building, was enjoyed by more than 40 OSNAA members, nursing alumni and nursing students. Following remarks from University President Marc Johnson and Dr. Thomas Schwenk, vice-president for the Division of Health Sciences, the group toured the building and caught up with fellow Orvis alumni over food and wine. A fine event on a fine fall day!

OSNAA just completed a very successful membership drive. We have 200+ members and are still growing! Many members have





*TOP: President Marc Johnson, Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88MBA, Thomas Brady and new School of Medicine Dean Dr. Thomas Schwenk celebrate the new home of the Orvis School of Nursing inside the William N. Pennington Health Sciences Building. BOTTOM: Sacramento Alumni Chapter members Paul Chaffin '06, Deb Pierce '86, Laura Jenkins '99 and Steve Park '99 attend the Homecoming football game Oct. 15 at Mackay Stadium.*



*TOP: Passport agents assist Nevada students with passport applications during the USAC Alumni Chapter's Passport Fair. The USAC Central Office is a full-service passport acceptance facility, which is open to the public. BOTTOM: The Young Alumni Chapter takes a break from building the Blue Wolf Pearl Homecoming float to pose for a picture with Captain Morgan.*

contributed or pledged to our scholarship endowment fund. We hope that all Orvis alumni will help grow this endowment so that our scholarship will be an ongoing source of funds for future nursing students. Our goal is to have the endowment fully funded by 2013. To learn more about membership and our scholarship endowment fund, visit [www.unr.edu/alumni/chapters](http://www.unr.edu/alumni/chapters) and select Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association.

## Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, [spark@ccareynkf.com](mailto:spark@ccareynkf.com)

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter's Annual Mystery Bus Trip will take place Jan. 28. Last year, fun was had by all, as 50 alumni and friends wound up at the Dead Fish Restaurant. This year, we will head to an undisclosed location that you won't want to miss!

Two Sacramento area student recruitment receptions will be held this spring: March 20 (Arden Hills Resort Club & Spa in Sacramento) and April 3 (Granite Bay Golf Club in Granite Bay). Representatives from various departments will provide information and answer questions for potential students and their parents. Last year's event was most productive, and the University ended up with the largest freshmen class ever!

The chapter typically meets the second Tuesday each month at noon for lunch. For information, contact Steve Park, chapter president, (916) 367-6345 or [spark@ccareynkf.com](mailto:spark@ccareynkf.com).

## University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter

Helen (Nhan) Gray, '03, '08M.D

We are excited to announce that our UNSOM Alumni Chapter Alumni Day and Reception will be held April 27. This will include a tour of the medical school campus, lunch and our annual evening reception, where our Alumnus of the Year will be announced. We look forward to a wonderful day connecting with alumni and current students.

Also, class steward letters have been emailed and sent via snail mail (for those who don't email). If you did not receive one and/or are interested in being a class steward for your graduating class, please email Tracey (Lane) Delaplain '83, '87M.D. at [trdelaplain@medicine.nevada.edu](mailto:trdelaplain@medicine.nevada.edu).

As always, we encourage all UNSOM graduates, either from the school or our residencies, to join and keep connected with our chapter by joining or considering a position on our executive committee!

## USAC Alumni Chapter

Michelle Cobb, [mcobb@unr.edu](mailto:mcobb@unr.edu)

The USAC Alumni Chapter is in high gear, helping Nevada students prepare for upcoming study abroad experiences. The Alumni Chat in November had a great turnout, and alumni shared photos, useful information and tales from abroad. The chapter encourages students of all backgrounds to consider a USAC program abroad for

rich academic, career and life experiences.

On Nov. 15, the chapter facilitated USAC's bi-annual Passport Fair and Food Drive in conjunction with International Education Week. Members helped take free photos during the fair. As a full service Passport Acceptance Facility, anyone can come into the USAC office and apply for or renew their passport. Simply bring your official birth certificate, government issued photo ID and check or money order for city and federal fees. Although the cost is the same as anywhere else, the processing fee goes straight toward Nevada student scholarships! Visit [usac.unr.edu](http://usac.unr.edu) for information.

## Young Alumni Chapter

Derek Zielinski '05, [yacpresident@gmail.com](mailto:yacpresident@gmail.com)

We had a wonderful Homecoming this year! We made an amazing float for the Homecoming Parade and had a great time at Old Guys Night! In November, we held this year's Mystery Bus, which turned out to be a great dinner in Tahoe. We'll have our annual Bagna Caulda Night at the Coney Island at the end of January. We are in the middle of Beer Fest planning, so keep your calendar open in April. If you're interested in helping, let us know. Our annual membership is \$10, where as a bonus perk, you get early bird pricing for Beer Fest!





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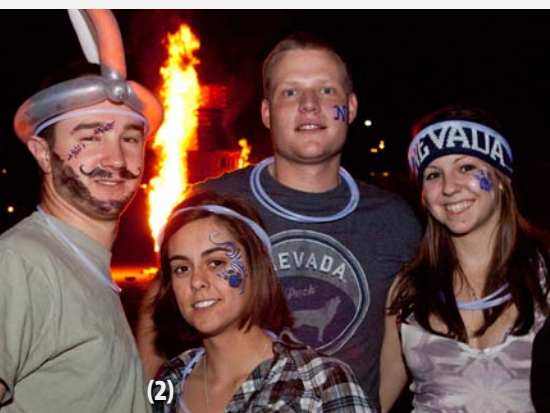
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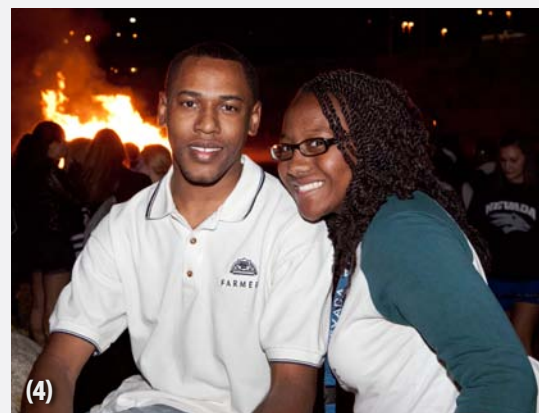
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## Homecoming Bonfire

The Oct. 14 Homecoming Bonfire, which was attended by several hundred students, alumni and friends included a new twist this year—fireworks—along with traditional favorites like face painting, bounce houses and photo booths. Special thanks to IGT for donating the wooden pallets used to build the bonfire.

**(1)** Current Nevada students Cody Kingsbury, Kelley Diesfeld, Chase Duhon and Sarah Smitherman.

**(2)** Paul Teska, Jr., Alyssa Griener, Joseph Pelham and Marina Thomassian.

**(3)** Fireworks light up the sky during the Homecoming Bonfire.

**(4)** Vincent and Teresa Payne.

## Homecoming Pregame

Nevada fans packed the Nevada Alumni Association's Homecoming Tailgate Oct. 15 in Legacy Hall. Following the party, the Wolf Pack

solidly defeated the New Mexico Lobos 49-7.

**(5)** Lenore Reinhard and Bill Reinhard '95MBA, '05Ph.D.

**(6)** TOP ROW: Deb Pierce '86, Al Herak and Diane (Sekiguchi) Hoops '82. BOTTOM ROW: Laura Jenkins '99, Bill Chaffin '66 and Lorena Chaffin.

**(7)** Ryan Johnson '99, Avery Johnson and Julia (Soderman) Johnson '02.

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## Homecoming Gala

The 2011 Homecoming Gala was held Oct. 13 in the Joe Crowley Student Union Ballroom. We honored alumni and friends for their professional achievements and dedication to the University.

**(1)** Alumna of the Year Sara Lafrance '73, with husband, Leonard and their daughter, Lisa Stevens.

**(2)** College of Science Distinguished Alumnus Bill Honjas '93 (second from right) with family: Cameron, Erin Henry, Will, Laura, Lisa and Emily.

**(3)** Luther Mack, Carina (Zollinger) Black '90, '92M.A., '97Ph.D., Greg Black and Frank Hawkins Jr. 81, recipient of the Professional Achievement Award.

**(4)** John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, with Suzanne Pennington and her daughter Jill Gianoli. Suzanne accepted the posthumously awarded University Service Award for her husband, William N. Pennington '08HDG.

## Homecoming Halftime with award winners

Nevada Alumni Association award recipients were recognized on the field during halftime.

**(5)** Alumni Association Service Award recipients Louis Bonaldi '75, '77AAMD and Lisa Lyons '88, '97M.D.

**(6)** The Reviglio family gathers on the field with University President Marc Johnson to honor the late Jack T. Reviglio, who was posthumously given the University Service Award.





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## Alumni Bowling Night

More than 100 alumni and friends attended Alumni Bowling Night Sept. 16 at Wild Island Family Adventure Park. "Kids" of all ages enjoyed bowling, mini golf, go karts and the laser maze.

(1) Hayden Conway, Ethan Pickett, Emma Reeves and Ally Pickett.

(2) Skyler McAnany, Tristan Morrice, Marcelle Morrice '05, '10M.Ed. and Stan Morrice '94.

(3) Garth Lerg, Tyler Lerg, Sammel Lerg, Andrew Lerg, Becke Lasa and Rosemary Lerg '09.

(4) Nicolas Di Meo '07, '10M.A. and Nicky Di Meo.

(5) Matt Johnson, Alex Johnson, Max Johnson and Amy Poggensee '97.

## Alumni Golf Day

A field of nearly 60 players teed off during the Nevada Alumni Association's inaugural Alumni Golf Day Oct. 7 at Somerset Golf & Country Club. The

golf event kicked off Rivalry Weekend, and included visits from Wolfie Jr. and Nevada Wolf Pack Cheerleaders. Special thanks to event sponsors Silver & Blue Outfitters and Slice of the Peak.

(6) Tom Matter '94, '01MBA, Wolfie Jr., Jeff Scheneman '97 and Chris Vargas '95.

(7) Nevada cheerleader Brooke Sawai, Ronald Flores, Jim Dakin '74, '79M.Ed., Jim Anderson, Ted Campisi and Nevada cheerleader Katherine Crowe.





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## Oregon Pregame

More than 200 alumni and friends celebrated the start of football season with the Nevada Alumni Association Sept. 10 in Mallard Park at Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Ore. Special thanks to GEICO for sponsoring this fun-filled event.

**(1)** Bob '83 and Connie '88 (Mace) Fry, Alex '81 and Amanda Flangas and Tim Lukas.

**(2)** Reno Mayor, Bob Cashell '76HA and University of Nevada President, Marc Johnson.

**(3)** Karen Bowman, Jim Binks and Vicki Erickson '83MBA.

## Emeriti Faculty Pregame

The Nevada Alumni Association's annual Emeriti Faculty Pregame Party was held Dec. 3 in Legacy Hall. Former faculty members enjoyed lunch followed by the Nevada vs. Idaho football game. Faculty members who hadn't seen each other in years enjoyed catching up about their families, their hobbies and their days at the University. Special thanks to Nevada Athletics

for donating tickets to the football game.

**(4)** Bob Kersey (faculty emeritus), Ken Kersey and Ginnie Kersey.

**(5)** Dick Trachok '49, '54M.A. (faculty emeritus) and Fran (Summer) Trachok '47.

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## Southern Nevada Alumni Gathering

On Sept. 30 more than 300 alumni and friends gathered at the home of Scott '89 and Jill (Pelan) Gragson '90 for the inaugural southern Nevada alumni mixer. The Gragsons surprised the crowd with entertainment from a past Beer Barrel favorite: Chris Talbot '96. The event ran well into the late hours of the night with attendees asking "When are we going to do this again?" as they

walked out the door. The event committee, made up of more than 30 alumni and friends in Las Vegas, hopes to make this a yearly event hosted by different alumni in the area. Special thanks to our amazing host committee who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

**(1)** Scott Frost '88 with event hosts, Jill (Pelan) Gragson '90 and Scott Gragson '89.

**(2)** Guests enjoy music outdoors during the reception.

**(3)** Sam McMullen '73 and Mary-Ellen (Cain) McMullen '73

with John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations.

**(4)** Wolf Pack Host Committee members Amanda Hawkins '05, Jason Demuth '03, Denise (Koval) Cashman '83 and Dorothy (Howell) Huffey '61.

**(5)** Tom Mullin '06, Lauralie Ezra '05, Christal Allen '04 and Tim Mullin '06.





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## Basketball Pregame Party in Las Vegas

Nevada alumni gathered in Las Vegas Nov. 14 to support the Wolf Pack Men's Basketball team as Nevada took on UNLV at the Thomas & Mack Center. Coach David Carter was on hand prior to the game to chat with Nevada fans and get them excited for the game.

**(1)** Bryce Burdick '06, Todd Carney '06, Douglas Brooks

'06, Bonnie (Fairchild) Bryan '61, Senator Richard Bryan '59, Jim Curran '03, Jim Blamire '06 and Jarrod Dean '06.

**(2)** Nevada Men's Basketball Coach David Carter gets Wolf Pack fans fired-up for the game.

**(3)** Scott '88, '93 M.D. and Jill (Johnson) Fielden '91, Mike Larragueta '91, Scott Machabee '90 and Rob Stillwell '89.

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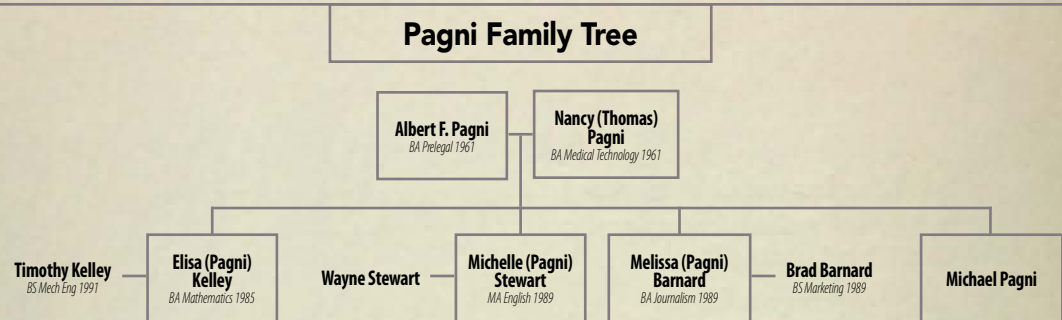


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## A Nevada fairy tale comes to life.

Albert and Nancy Pagni celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. It's a storybook romance that started at the University of Nevada. They passed their love for each other and their alma mater on to their children who would eventually follow in their footsteps, sparking a passion for family, education and Wolf Pack athletics. And with nine grandchildren soon to join the college ranks, there are bound to be a few more happily-ever-afters to come.





LEFT: 50th wedding anniversary photo with Will Barnard, Brad Barnard, Melissa (Pagni) Barnard, Ben Barnard, Jack Kelley, Brianna Kelley, Tim Kelley, Elisa (Pagni) Kelley, Megan Kelley, Nancy Pagni, Albert Pagni, Nathan Stewart, Wayne Stewart, Michelle (Pagni) Stewart, Ryan Stewart, Nico Pagni, Michael Pagni and Lauren Pagni. July, 2011. TOP LEFT Al Pagni as Alumni of the Year, 1978. TOP RIGHT: Al and Nancy at the 2011 Golden Reunion. BOTTOM LEFT: Elisa at commencement, 1985. BOTTOM RIGHT: Melissa and Michelle at commencement, 1989.

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit [www.unr.edu/alumni](http://www.unr.edu/alumni) or call 888.NV.ALUMS.



# Remembering Friends



Omer L. King, Jr.



Tracy L. Veach  
'83Ed.D.



Donald W. Winne



Jo Ann (Record)  
Sorensen '43



William F. Engel  
'57



Diana (Collins)  
Adams '64



Warren J.  
Andersen '70, '75



Jacolyn D. Peck-  
Peace '77



Heather D.  
Prosser-Starr '10



Jackie L. Goatley  
'11

## Friends

**Omer L. King, Jr.**, Honor Court Silver Benefactor  
Sept. 5, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**John M. Laxalt**  
Sept. 15, 2011—Carson City, Nev.

**Joann Orchow**  
Feb. 20, 2010—Las Vegas, Nev.

**Silvio Petricciani '77** (honorary award)  
Sept. 16, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Elizabeth C. (Fry) Smyth**  
Aug. 31, 2011—Reno, Nev.

## Faculty

**Richard A. Bomberger**, School of Medicine professor  
Sept. 25, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Kenneth W. Johns**, professor emeritus of curriculum  
and instruction  
Aug. 10, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Robert G. Langsner**, mathematics and computer  
science lecturer  
Nov. 21, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Gary L. Peltier**, professor emeritus of educational  
leadership  
Oct. 16, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Genevieve A. Pieretti**, education professor  
Sept. 4, 2011—Carson City, Nev.

**Fred A. Ryser**, professor emeritus of biology  
Nov. 15, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Tracy L. Veach '83Ed.D.** (counseling and educational  
psychology), professor emeritus of psychology and behavioral  
sciences  
Sept. 4, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Donald W. Winne**, professor emeritus of managerial  
sciences  
Oct. 19, 2011—Carson City, Nev.

## Alumni

**Eleanor M. (Goldsworthy) Gottschalk '41**  
(English)  
Sept. 5, 2011—Lovelock, Nev.

**Emma M. (McQuerry) Thompson '42** (English)  
July 20, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Viola V. (Sorensen) Herrick '43** (journalism)  
Sept. 26, 2011—Sparks, Nev.

**Jo Ann (Record) Sorensen '43** (psychology)  
Aug. 10, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Nadine E. (Gibson) Mahoney '45** (English)  
Sept. 9, 2011—Salt Lake City, Utah

**Drake DeLanoy '50** (political science)  
Nov. 12, 2011—Las Vegas, Nev.

**Frank J. Sala '52** (business administration)  
Sept. 14, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Gerard H. Schafer '52** (mechanical engineering)  
Nov. 22, 2011—Sparks, Nev.

**William F. Engel '57** (journalism and English)  
Aug. 19, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**David M. Allingham '63** (biology)  
Oct. 18, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Diana (Collins) Adams '64** (art)  
Aug. 13, 2011—Boulder City, Nev.

**David J. Guinan '69** (prelegal)  
Nov. 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Jerry L. White '69** (management)  
Aug. 19, 2011—Boulder City, Nev.

**Warren J. Andersen '70** (food service systems), '75  
(history)  
Sept. 23, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Bruce L. Rice '71** (civil engineering)  
Oct. 4, 2011—Benton, Wash.

**Rafael M. Gamboa '72** (biology)  
Oct. 23, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**John W. Grover '74** (physical education)  
Nov. 4, 2011—Santa Rosa Valley, Calif.

**John L. Kimpton '74** (criminal justice)  
Oct. 12, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Eugene K. Horlsey '75** (premedical), '77AAMD  
Sept. 21, 2011—Keauau, Hawaii

**Vernon J. Eardley, Jr. '77** (prephysical therapy)  
Nov. 14, 2011—Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

**Jacolyn D. Peck-Peace '77** (nursing)  
Aug. 10, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Raymond Tanner '78** (medical technology)  
Sept. 3, 2011—Gooding, Idaho

**Kathryn A. Wilson '78** (health education)  
Sept. 2, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Carol H. Mitchell '80** (nursing)  
Dec. 3, 2011—Moundsville, W.Va.

**Claire E. Hall '87M.D.**  
Sept. 12, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Patrick J. McCarthy '91** (logistics management),  
'93MBA  
Sept. 15, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Jessie A. Turner '05** (journalism)  
Oct. 10, 2011—Reno, Nev.

**Heather D. Prosser-Starr '10** (general studies)  
Sept. 19, 2011—Portola, Calif.

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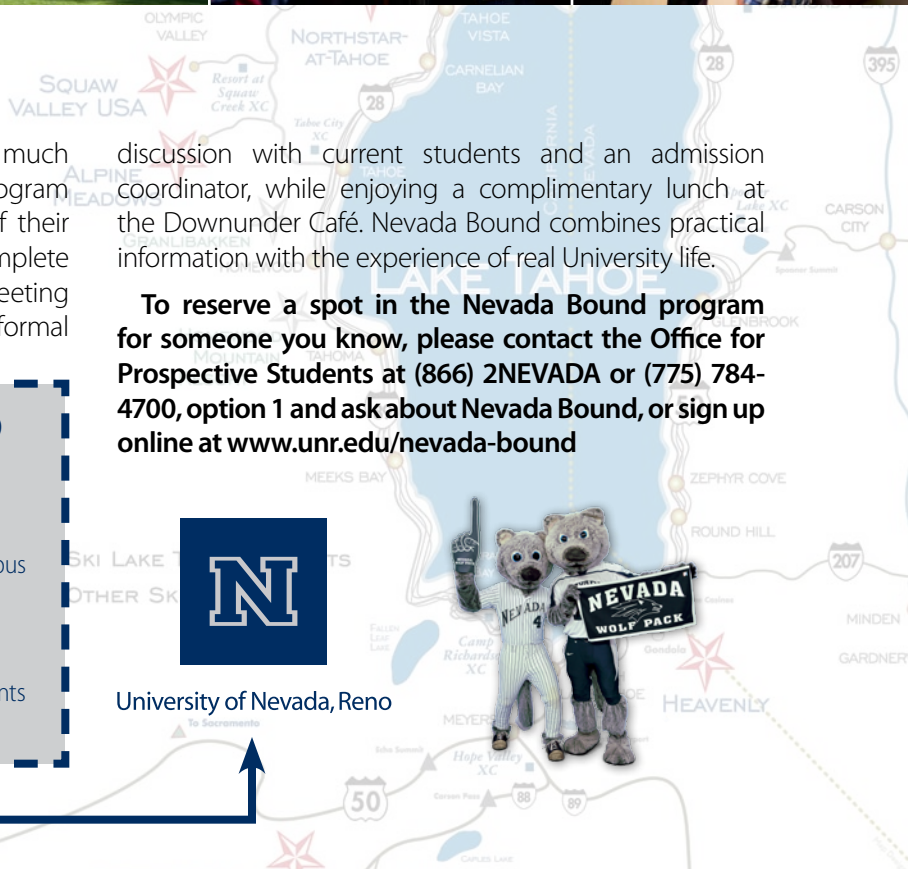
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To move through the halls of the William J. Raggio Building with Ann Carlson '59 (business administration), '74M.Ed (education administration) is to walk with someone who is a friend and mentor to all. Ann stops to chat with students she's never met—asking about their majors, their coursework and their future plans.

Mentoring students has been her life's work. After graduating from Nevada, Ann joined Roger Corbett Elementary School in Reno as a second-grade teacher. In 1961, she married engineering professor Jim Carlson '55 (mechanical engineering), and they had one daughter, Lisa. Jim died in a snowmobile accident in 1974. Ann taught second grade at Roger Corbett Elementary for 34 years before retiring in 1994. She taught in-service classes, served on various district committees and received several professional honors, including the Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Month Award and the 1994 Nevada Women's Fund Achievement Award.

Ann was inspired by the philanthropic efforts of her parents, Clarence '31 (electrical engineering) and Martha Jones, respected community supporters who helped fund the renovation of the former journalism building (now the Clarence and Martha Jones Visitor Center) and provided major support for the College of Education, the School of Medicine, the College of Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts. Ann followed suit by serving on the College of Education advisory board and becoming a founding member of the Friends of the College of Education. She is still active in several educational and charitable endeavors.

She was a trustee for the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation from 1996-2002 and 2003-2009, and continues to serve as chair of the scholarship ad-hoc committee. She received the University Service Award from the Nevada Alumni Association in 1999.

Together with her companion of 20 years, Ron Turek, Ann has traveled to all seven continents, with Antarctica being her favorite. A close second was a visit to India, with a full moon rising above the Taj Mahal.

—Roseann Keegan

## What is your fondest memory from your days at Nevada?

A group of friends and I spent many winter days driving to the Reno Ski Bowl (part of the Mount Rose ski area today), since it was only



Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Trustee Emerita Ann Carlson '59, '74M.Ed. served for 12 years as a trustee for the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation. She continues to serve as chair of the board's scholarship ad-hoc committee.

30 minutes from campus. At the time, that was the only ski area close to Reno. I was an instructor for the junior ski program, and later, a trainer for instructors for nearly 50 years. As a result of working with these students, I was inspired to become a teacher.

Attending football in the Mackay Stadium bowl and basketball games in the old gym sparked a lasting interest in Wolf Pack sports, which we still follow today.

The University also gave me the opportunity to make many close, longtime friendships. I participated in many campus activities associated with my sorority, Delta Delta Delta. These friendships continue today.

## What have you done that you are most proud of?

It is important to keep a good balance in one's life. Participation on several University boards and committees has been both informational and gratifying. It has given me insight and kept me involved.

I am immensely proud of my daughter, Lisa, and her career as a pediatric dentist in Colorado. The growth and balance she and her husband have given to my grandsons, Cooper and Easton, are special to me.

I have been able to work on many educa-

tional projects and committees to help enhance the field of education. To see the growth and maturity of the many students is terrific.

I have committed to both social and philanthropic organizations and activities where I can give of my time and talent. To give of one's self to help others is very rewarding. However, I also feel that to grow and prosper, one has to take time to fulfill one's own dreams. My companion, Ron, and I have been able to see the lifestyles of various cultures, and these travels have helped us see the world through a different perspective.

## What advice would you give someone just starting out from college?

Once you have chosen a career, don't feel that choice is final. A college education is just the beginning. With so many new and uncharted areas and fields of interest, it is important to think outside the box and to reach for the stars. Be willing to move in directions that will make you happy and fulfilled. Move forward with pride and accomplishment and remember to help others by giving as much as you are able.

*Ann Carlson*





## Galli estate planned gift to benefit nursing, medical students

A collection of photos and newspaper clippings from the late Michael '49 (animal science) and Esther Galli tells the story of two lives well-lived, and two lives devoted to Nevada. Throughout their travels, including a 25-year assignment overseas for the U.S. government, the couple held a deep affection for the Battle Born state and its flagship land-grant university.

The Gallis—he, a decorated war veteran who grew up in Elko, and she, a native Nevadan who worked in the state comptroller's office—touched a great many lives during their travels here and abroad. Their legacy of good works lives on through the Michael N. and Esther R. Galli Scholarship Endowment in Medicine and the Michael N. and Esther R. Galli Scholarship Endowment in Nursing,

established through a \$2.9 million planned gift by Michael Galli before his passing in January 2010 at age 91. Michael created the scholarships as a tribute to Esther, who died of cancer in 1995.

Michael enlisted in the U.S. Army eight months before the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served throughout World War II and was a combat survivor of the Battle of the Bulge. He received three service medals: the World War II Victory Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. Michael returned to his home state to attend the University of Nevada, Reno on the GI Bill.

After graduation, Michael married Esther Romano, a dark-haired beauty with a glowing smile who, while attending Nevada, was a

*Michael Galli pictured in the 1949 Artemisia yearbook as president of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Esther (Romano) Galli during her junior year at Nevada in 1938, where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Michael '49 and Esther Galli on their wedding day, June 25, 1950. Michael and Esther Galli toast during an anniversary party.*

member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Esther accompanied him overseas during his career as a Foreign Service Officer specializing in agriculture development for the U.S. Department of State and the Agency of International Development. They spent 25 years abroad with assignments in India, Ethiopia, Brazil, Libya, South Vietnam and Laos.

After retiring in 1975, the couple settled in Reno, where they were avid fans of Wolf Pack football and faithful donors to the University. They continued to travel, cruising several times on the Island Princess Love Boat. They were married for 45 years until Esther's passing.

—Roseann Keegan

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